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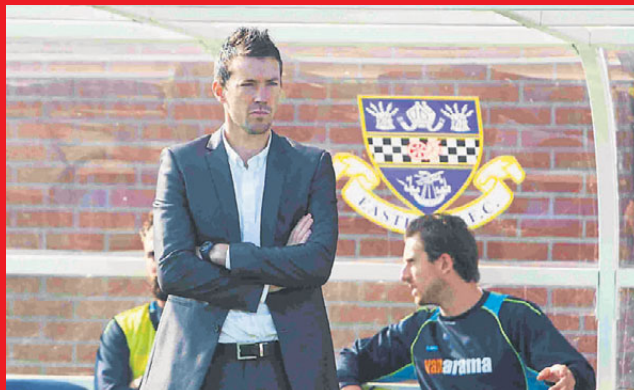
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SAINTS CHUCK IT AWAY AT THE DEATH

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But Vardy struck twice in the second period, including an injury-time leveller.

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England striker Vardy breaks home hearts

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Vardy at the double to leave Saints stunned



Virgil van Dijk celebrates putting Saints 2-0 up.

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But Vardy's near-post header midway through the second half, from ex-Saint Nathan Dyer's cross, ensured a tense last 25 minutes, *writes* **SIMON WALTER.**

Saints, with Kelvin Davis making his first appearance of the season in place of the injured Maarten Stekelenburg, conceded the equaliser during the five minutes of injury time.

Vardy seized on a Riyad Mahrez through ball to maintain Leicester's unbeaten away record with his ninth of the season.

Leicester arrived occupying the dizzy heights of fifth place and on an unbeaten eight-match away run stretching back seven months to a 4-3 defeat at Spurs.

They were the brighter side in the opening five minutes.

Christian Fuchs delivered a dangerous cross in the first 25 seconds, whipping it in from the left, low into the six-yard box, where Davis palmed the ball away as he dived low to his left.

TEAM CHECK

● Kelvin Davis was recalled for his first appearance of the season and the 301st of his Saints career after Maarten Stekelenburg was ruled out with a back injury sustained in training on Friday.

● Davis was one of two changes to the team that started against Chelsea two weeks ago, with James Ward-Prowse coming in for Oriol Romeu.

● Jordy Clasie was in the squad after recovering from hamstring and ankle

injuries.

● Ex-Saint Nathan Dyer was recalled to the Leicester bench after recovering from a knee injury.

Saints: K. Davis, Cédric, Fonte (c), van Dijk, Bertrand, Wanyama, Ward-Prowse, S. Davis, Tadi, Mané, Pellé. Subs: Gazzaniga (GK), Yoshida, Clasie, Rodriguez, Romeu, Juanmi, Caulker.

Leicester: Schmeichel, Simpson, Huth, Morgan (c), Fuchs, Albrighton, Kanté, Drinkwater, Schlupp, Vardy, Okazaki. Subs: Schwarzer, De Laet, King, Dyer, Mahrez, Bentalouane, Inler.

Marc Albrighton's cross from the right was met by Vardy, who volleyed over.

Davis was fortunate when Virgil Van Dijk's header inside the six-yard box nestled in his hands after coming for a cross from the right and failing to get it.

A passionate rendition of O When the Saints Go Marching In had the desired effect when Mané's clever pass sent Cedric away down the right. His cross was headed behind for a corner.

Van Dijk's header from James Ward-Prowse's flag kick was cleared off the line by Danny Drinkwater.

Graziano Pelle soon sent a volley into the Northam Stand before Wanyama was given a talking to by referee Paul Tierney for a foul.

Saints opened the scoring in the 20th minute.

Leicester needlessly gave

away a corner, which Robert Huth headed behind for another flag-kick.

Dusan Tadic won a second from the right, from which FONTE headed home.

The Saints captain rose at the near post to head his 14th goal for the club into the far corner.

Fonte's first goal for nearly two years, since February 2014, was the perfect way to celebrate his recent contract extension.

Wanyama was booked for a foul on Shinji Okazaki shortly afterwards and Saints were grateful when captain Wes Morgan's header from an Albrighton corner was deflected behind.

Play was delayed when Cedric and Jeff Schlupp both went down after colliding by the Itchen touchline.

Cedric needed a head wound patched up and play

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Virgil van Dijk thumps the ball home from close range.



Saints players celebrate a goal.



Jose Fonte heads Saints into the lead.

resumed without him while the bandage was applied, with Ward-Prowse briefly having to deputise at right back.

The Portuguese was soon back in the action, crossing from the right before providing the pass from which Mane nearly was denied Saints' second by the right hand of the diving Kasper Schmeichel.

No matter. Moments later, in the 37th minute, VAN DIJK doubled the lead from close range.

Ward-Prowse's cross from the left was met by the head of Pelle, who saw the ball come back off the far post from 15 yards out.

Fortunately Van Dijk reacted fastest, stabbing the re-

bound back against the foot of the post before making no mistake.

A few minutes later, Drinkwater's 25-yarder had to be tipped over the bar by Davis and Huth missed a great chance to equalise, firing wide after evading Ryan Bertrand's challenge.

A crunching Van Dijk challenge on Vardy restored calm and Fonte and Van Dijk exchanged several passes before Tadic had a shot saved in first-half injury time.

Ex-Saint Nathan Dyer and fellow winger Mahrez were both introduced at half-time, for Okazaki and Schlupp.

Vardy had the first chance of the second half, cutting inside Wanyama and firing straight at Davis before hav-

ing a second shot blocked.

Mane's pace soon caused problem for the visitors.

Wanyama put him through and the Senegalese rounded Schmeichel only for Danny Simpson to deny him a shot on goal.

Clasie came on for his Premier League debut on the hour, in a double change with Yoshida also coming on and Steven Davis and Cedric making way.

A delicious Mane backheel teed up Pelle, whose fierce drive landed high in the Chapel Stand, but Leicester pulled a goal back through the Premier League's top scorer in the 66th minute.

Dyer's cross from the right was met at the near post by VARDY, who headed in his

eighth goal in nine Premier League appearances.

Jay Rodriguez was introduced for Tadic in the 75th minute and soon had a 25-yarder comfortably saved by Schmeichel.

Vardy of all people missed a golden chance in the 81st minute, sidefooting over Mahrez's pass from ten yards out.

Mane sent an audacious chip over the bar, but with only a goal separating the sides Saints were susceptible.

Then it happened. VARDY struck his second of the game, after a slide-rule through ball from Mahrez.

Vardy made no mistake, thumping the equaliser past Davis.

Koeman is left rueing Mane miss as Saints are pegged back

RONALD Koeman rued Sadio Mane's missed chance in the second half after seeing his side throw away a two-goal lead.

Shortly after half-time, Mane rounded Leicester City goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel but did not take the opportunity to increase Saints' lead to 3-0.

Koeman said: "We didn't have the feeling it's over [at half-time], we knew they have unbelievable spirit."

"Of course we had the best chance to kill the game off from Sadio. After dribbling round the goalkeeper Mane's got to shoot on target... that was needed to kill the game."

"But at 2-1 it was more difficult, they were fresher after that."

Koeman cut a frustrated figure as England striker Jamie Vardy scored twice in the last half hour.

He said: "It was a good performance before half-time with great goals from the set pieces."

"But I have to recognise it was always going to be a difficult game for several reasons; they have a high position in the table and showed great spirit and great belief at 2-0 down."

"The difference in the second half was that Leicester pressed more. It was difficult to keep good defensive organisation in the second half and that's what we have to do better."

"We also have to learn to manage the game, their second came from a goal kick."

"It shouldn't be possible at this level to score out of that."

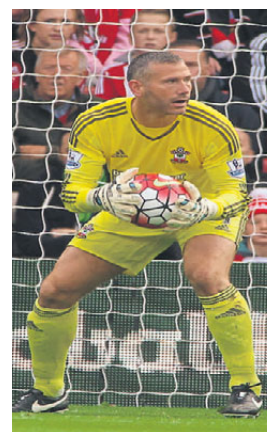
● Wayne Rooney scored his first goal at Goodison Park for eight years as Manchester United coasted to a 3-0 victory on an emotional afternoon for Everton.

The news of Howard Kendall's death prior to kick-off led to a subdued atmosphere inside Goodison Park and the current crop of Everton players were unable to replicate the kind of performances seen under the club's greatest manager.

Non-existent marking from the hosts allowed former Saints star Morgan Schneiderlin and Ander Herrera to put United 2-0 up inside 22 minutes and Rooney wrapped up the win in the second half.

It was Schneiderlin's first competitive goal for United following his £25m summer switch from St Mary's.

● Man City hammer Cherries: See Page 4



Kelvin Davis made his 301st appearance for Saints.

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Manchester City 5 Bournemouth 1



Ex-Saint Andrew Surman looks on as Raheem Sterling fires his hat-trick goal.

Cherries are blown away by Sterling as leaders hit five

Raheem Sterling hit a first-half hat-trick and Wilfried Bony struck twice as Premier League leaders Manchester City caned promoted Bournemouth 5-1 at the Etihad Stadium.

City had needed someone to step up in the absence of injured star striker Sergio Aguero and £49million man Sterling duly rose to the challenge.

He and Bony both struck inside the opening 11 minutes and the former Liverpool man added two more after a Glenn Murray reply. Bony wrapped up scoring in the closing minutes.

There was a hint of offside about Sterling's first goal and Bournemouth might have had an early penalty, but Eddie Howe's side were ultimately overpowered.

The first half was played at a frenetic pace and may have been different had referee Mike Dean pointed to the spot when Dan Gosling went down under a challenge from Nicolas Otamendi.

But City scored from their first serious attack as Fernandinho's cross-field ball was headed back by Pablo Zabaleta and helped in the direction of Sterling by Bony.

There were suspicions of offside but Sterling swooped to tuck home from three yards.

City soon had a second as Bacary Sagna, playing at left-back because of injuries to Gael Clichy and Aleksandar Kolarov, whipped in a cross that Adam Federici could not hold.



Raheem Sterling celebrates scoring his team's first goal.

Federici had only been called into the team at the last moment after former Saints keeper Artur Boruc was injured in the warm-up and his unexpected opportunity quickly turned sour as Bony snaffled a gift from close range.

City threatened more as Jesus Navas burst clear to tee up Sterling but

Andrew Surman produced a fine tackle and Federici saved from the outstanding Kevin de Bruyne.

Bournemouth replied after 22 minutes when Murray let fly from the edge of the area as the City defence, again lacking authority in Vincent Kompany's absence, backed off.

Kompany had been left out by man-

ager Manuel Pellegrini, who was unhappy his captain played for Belgium earlier in the week after missing the five previous City games with a calf injury.

But with Sevilla and Manchester United to play in the coming week, it may also have been a sensible precaution.

Sterling made it 3-1 just before the half-hour after being released by a superb through-ball from De Bruyne.

De Bruyne was then denied himself as Federici tipped a shot onto the bar but City still claimed their fourth before the break.

Navas should have taken the honours after racing clear of the defence and rounding Federici but he took too long to shoot and the keeper blocked. Fortunately for City, Sterling was on hand to ram home the rebound.

It marked quite a contrast from Sterling's last appearance at the ground, when he was substituted in the 6-1 win over Newcastle after an ineffective first-half.

This time Yaya Toure made way at the interval, for reasons unclear, although he was recently troubled by a hamstring injury. De Bruyne was later given a rest.

Zabaleta forced Federici to save early in the second half and Bony also picked out the keeper. Sterling had two more good chances but first failed to get a shot away and then poked wide.

Bony tucked home another in the 89th minute.

Sub Ross is a hero yet again

EASTLEIGH got Chris Todd's permanent reign as boss off to a credible start by securing a 1-1 draw at Cheltenham Town.

Indeed, it could have been even better for a Spitfires side that dominated the second-half at Whaddon Road, with only a combination of some poor finishing and the excellence of home stopper Dillon Phillips preventing an away victory.

Ross Lafayette, for the second time this week, emerged from the bench to score a for his side.

The striker, who struck a last-gasp winner against Forest Green in midweek, pounced here in the 77th minute, just three minutes after his introduction - an effort that cancelled out Jack Munn's 20th minute goal for the hosts.

Jack Midson had the afternoon's first effort on goal, cutting in from the right and drilling a low shot that Phillips clung onto inside his right post.

Jack Barthram responded for the Robins, thrashing an opportunistic 20-yard strike too high to trouble Ross Flitney, while the Eastleigh number one was also equal to Rob Dickie's 15th minute long-range dig.

Cheltenham's 20th minute opener had its roots in the vision of former Spitfire Harry Pell, who caressed an expansive pass to Barthram, galloping down the right for the umpteenth time. The wing-back's classy, cushioned first time cross presented Munn with the easy task of applying the finishing touches in front of an empty net.

Eastleigh's dead-ball wizard Lee Cook had a chance to hit back for the visitors in the 29th minute, when Aaron Downes bundled Yemi Odubade over as the pair contested a high-ball.

The former Barnet man's whipped 25-yard free-kick, however, bound for the top right corner of goal, was tipped behind by a fully-extended Phillips.

Munn, in search of his second goal of the game, directed a measured effort a yard too high of the target shortly before the break, while Phillips then had reason to be grateful as an Andy Drury strike took a heavy deflection off Will Evans, but looped harmlessly up into the keeper's gloves.

With his side struggling to make any impression immediately after the break, Todd sent on Matty Fanimio for a debut - and within minutes the ex-West Ham man had twice comes close to drawing the Spitfires level.

The diminutive winger was first denied by the fast-advancing Phillips as he sought to get on the end of Joe Partridge's fierce right-wing cross, before the Robins' keeper was quick off the mark once more to prevent the attacker from getting a clean strike away following Odubade's ball across the box.

Eastleigh didn't have to wait long for their goal, however. Ben Strevens' skewed shot, after Reason's left-wing corner was only partially cleared, landed back at the feet of the set-piece taker.

Reason swung a ball to the far-post and Lafayette arrived at pace to plant his header into the roof of the net.

Todd was furious soon after as Lafayette went over under Rob Dickie's challenge in the box, but found his penalty pleas declined, the striker instead being cautioned for his fall.

By now it was all Eastleigh. The excellent Phillips clawed Drury's header around his right-post - but the best chance for a winner was yet to come.

Reason floated a free-kick from the right to the back-post, which Strevens returned across the face of goal, locating an unmarked Jamie Turley. The centre-half, though, guided his header over Phillips' bar.

Southern League: Winchester 4 Banbury 0

Barron and Bentley at the double as Winchester win

JAMIE Barron and Warren Bentley bagged a brace apiece as Winchester City got back to winning ways in the Southern One South & West with a 4-0 home victory over Banbury United.

With Taz Roberts suspended City handed a league debut to Spaniard Francisco Vivo, who joined on-loan Dutchman Bouwe Bosma in a multinational midfield, *writes WENDY GEE.*

There was little going for the first five minutes bar an 18-yard drive from Banbury's Zac McEachram straight at keeper Brendon Norris.

But the visitors were soon made to pay for a defensive lack as Winchester took the lead with six minutes gone.

Zach Glasspool and Warren Bentley exchanged passes inside the area and the ball was flipped on to Jamie BARRON who drilled it into the keeper's right-hand bottom corner.

That error apart, Banbury looked a capable, passing side and, on 15-minutes, Ricky Johnson sent the pacy Leam Howards away through the right channel and the little forward chested the ball down and half-volled it wide of the back stick.

It looked for all the world as if the visitors would equalise from a 25th minute corner but, amid mayhem in the City area, Charlie Wise was denied by Rob Flook's goal-line clearance.

City responded with a spate of corners but produced nothing to worry the visitors and then, after some tenacious play by Bentley, Glasspool dragged a shot well wide from distance.

It was a well tested game between two decent attacking sides, but the Puritans were guilty of over-playing around their own area and former Follands midfielder Barron again made them pay on 44-minutes.

Visiting keeper Jack Harding just about dealt with a poor back-pass but, with the Banbury defence unsettled Bentley neatly flicked the ball into BARRON's feet and he this time found the opposite corner.

Half-time:

**Winchester City 2
Banbury United 0**

Banbury made a couple of half-time changes, but it was Winchester who had the first crack at goal with Vivo curving one wide from distance.

Howards, though, should have pulled one back for the Puritans, lifting his shot over the bar following McEachram's free-kick.

Instead, it was City who extended their lead on the hour courtesy of top scorer BENTLEY. There looked to be nothing on for the master marksman as he ran at the Banbury defence,



Warren Bentley fires in Winchester's third goal against Banbury.



Warren Bentley celebrates his first goal against Banbury.

but the ball clipped back to him off a defender and, much to the delight of the 192 crowd, he brilliantly found the top corner.

Four minutes later, BENTLEY struck again, this time turning his marker as Dan Cann's delivery came in from the left and expertly picking out the far, bottom corner.

With Winchester now in charge they almost got a fifth on 73 minutes when Cann's diving header went wide from Bentley's driven cross.

Keeper Harding then saved at Bentley's feet to deny the City No.10 at hat-trick.

Banbury broke swiftly and it needed a goal-line clearance by the ex-

cellent Adam Tomasso to keep out McEachram at the other end.

Winchester could have had more as they over-ran the deflated visitors in the closing minutes – defender Leigh Mills going closest with a glancing header.

**WINCHESTER CITY 4
BANBURY 0**

Donald's tactics working

BURYING bad news has become a common tactic in big business. Burying good news, however, is something of an unheard of concept.

After the stirring week that Eastleigh have just enjoyed, though, the National League outfit's starring role in the BBC's annual Price of Football survey has slipped somewhat under the radar.

Costing just £120, the Spitfires' lowest-priced season ticket weighs in as the cheapest in England's top five divisions.

And Stewart Donald's desire to make watching football as affordable as possible is clearly paying dividends.

High on the Eastleigh owner's agenda when he took control in 2012 was his ambition for the Spitfires' to attract 3,000 strong gates to home fixtures.

It was an apparently fanciful aspiration for a club that was then drawing crowds in the region of 400-550 to its Conference South fixtures.

Three years on, however, and an Eastleigh side challenging for promotion into the Football League has twice pulled in more than 4,000 spectators for home games.

On Tuesday there were 2,844 people inside a throbbing Silverlake, as the Spitfires served up an electrifying performance to beat league leaders Forest Green.

Plenty of those who witnessed what could prove to be an epochal win in Eastleigh's history were enticed along by the free-entry offered on the night, an additional incentive that Donald occasionally employs.

To place into context the value offered by the cost of a ticket to watch all 23 home Spitfires league matches, Boreham Wood (£180) are the only other National League club that asks fans for less than £200 for a season pass.

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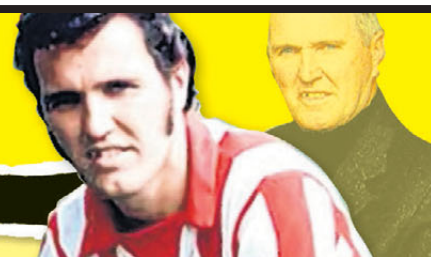
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FLORIN GARDOS	0	0	0	0	11(6)	0	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	4(3)	0	3	0	58(42)	2	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	0	0	3(16)	1
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CUCO MARTINA	0(3)	0	2	0	2(3)	0	DUSAN TADIC	7	3	2(1)	1	38(9)	9							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

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De Bruyne: Mourinho reject to City slicker

WHEN your manager walks into a press conference before a Champions League match and proceeds to tell the assorted hacks sitting there that you are "an upset kid, training very bad and not ready to compete", you know something is wrong.

One of the many young starlets picked up by the impressive, and massive, Chelsea youth scouting system, Kevin De Bruyne had been earmarked very early as a special talent.

Yet it had not worked out too well for the young Belgian.

As with many of these young talents, he had been farmed out on loan to Werder Bremen before he got a kick in a Blues shirt.

With his head-up dribbling and his willingness to play the risky-forward-pass-that-could-open-up-a-defence rather than the safer-make-sure-possession-is-not-lost-pass, he had a quietly impressive season at Bremen; scoring 10 and providing nine assists.

Yet on his return to Stamford Bridge he could barely get a kick of the ball.

After a torturous half-season of waiting on the wings, and having to put up with Jose Mourinho telling the world he doesn't train well, he (and Chelsea) decided that he (they) had had enough and a move was sealed to Wolfsburg.

In an environment that he knew well, De Bruyne flourished. Last season, he moved into fifth gear – pulling Die Wölfe to a vastly impressive second-place in the Bundesliga, almost on his own.

In 34 games, he scored 10 and assisted another 21 goals – that last bit a new Bundesliga record.

Path-breaking

That is a goal created, or scored, every 101 minutes – a better ratio, by far than anyone in the Premier League last season (Angel Di Maria, Cesc Fabregas and David Silva were the top three in England).

At the end of that path-breaking season – and all competitions considered – he ended up with 16 goals, 28 assists and scooped the Player of the Year Award in Germany.

Not bad for someone who apparently couldn't handle the competition for places at Chelsea, eh? (Another Jose gem, that).

To say he earned his move to Manchester City is putting it lightly.

Even in today's crazy world of over-inflated player transfers, a £55 million transfer fee is no joke.

While it is a damning indictment on just how cash-rich today's game has become for



Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne.

a club to spend such a ludicrous amount on a player who had one good season, it is also a testament to just how good the Belgian is and, more importantly, how much more potential he has to become even better.

A few doubted whether City's ambitious bid – a record for the club, and second highest in the history British football – would pay off.

But this time the 24-year-old has taken to the Premier League like a fish that has just

remembered that it really does belong in the water, no matter what anyone says (hello there, Jose).

The thing is, though, the spine of the City team still remains the same.

David Silva, Yaya Toure and Sergio Agüero are still the players that the team is built around, and why not.

There is no better finisher in the world than the Argentinian, very few who can create the sort of magic that the Spaniard can,

and there really is no-one in the world comparable to the Ivory Coast juggernaut.

David Silva, Sergio Agüero and Kevin De Bruyne – a nightmare for any defence.

But champion teams often need to supplement such world-class spines with just that extra bit of support.

They need to shake things up by getting top-notch players who do things differently – that's what Barcelona did with Luis Suarez and (to a lesser extent) what Real Madrid did with James Rodriguez.

And that's where Kevin De Bruyne comes in for the Citizens.

A marvellously intelligent player capable of playing anywhere along the three-pronged attacking midfield that Manuel Pellegrini prefers, he offers a different kind of guile to the sinuous craft of David Silva; two different styles that is, as we saw against Newcastle, not conflicting in the least.

Unlike the Spaniard, who can be intimidated and shut down with a brute physical approach, De Bruyne is harder to contain simply because he can revert to unadulterated, direct aggression if pure skill doesn't work.

Deadly skill

While not the fastest, he has it in him to pull out a burst of untouchable acceleration when it is most needed.

And, by God, can he control a football.

His technique was never in doubt; these days he brings with him a self-belief that makes all that on-the-ball ability a deadly skill.

He is an excellent, consistent, set piece taker (as he showed with Belgium over the weekend) and his finishing is on a level that even Agüero would be proud of.

That £55 million is starting to look like a bargain.

The first few games of the season has augured well for Manchester City, and De Bruyne has combined brilliantly with Sergio Agüero, and naturally complementing Raheem Sterling and David Silva – as three goals and two assists in four games has shown.

Every time he gets on the ball – and even with Silva in the team, he gets the ball a lot – City look dangerous; like a team that have more than a few goals in them.

Until last season, Manchester City had what it takes to get a result on a cold blustery Tuesday night in Stoke.

However, now, with Kevin De Bruyne shining in their ranks, they may well finally have it in them to get what they want on a warm, breezy, Wednesday evening at the Camp Nou.

Guide to the Euro 2016 qualifiers ...

TWENTY of the 24 finalists for Euro 2016 are now known.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at the teams already qualified for France next summer.

France (hosts)

Coach: Didier Deschamps

Star player: Paul Pogba

Chances: With home advantage and players such as Pogba, Karim Benzema and Hugo Lloris in their ranks, the French will be among the favourites.

Tournament best: Winners, 1984 & 2000

Qualifying record: Automatically qualified as hosts

Qualifying stat: Despite not needing to qualify, France were actually allocated a notional place in the five-team qualifying Group I, playing friendlies against the team without a fixture in each round.

Albania

Coach: Giovanni de Biasi

Star player: Lorik Cana

Chances: Having come through a qualifying group including Portugal, Denmark and Serbia, Albania have proved they can play a bit but they will still be rank outsiders.

Tournament best: n/a

Qualifying record: W4 D2 L2



Paul Pogba

Qualifying stat: Albania finished second in Group I, two points ahead of Denmark, but it might have been different had they not been awarded a 3-0 win against Serbia from an abandoned match in Belgrade.

Austria

Coach: Marcel Koller

Star player: Marc Janko

Chances: Not likely winners but, as a team on the up, they will be difficult opposition for any side.

Tournament best: Group stage, 2008

Qualifying record: W9 D1 L0

Qualifying stat: This is the first time Austria, Group G winners, have qualified for the finals on the field after being included as hosts in 2008.

Belgium

Coach: Marc Wilmots

Star player: Eden Hazard

Chances: With a star-studded squad, Belgium are capable of winning the tournament but much depends on how they gel as a team and are coached.

Tournament best: Finalists, 1980

Qualifying record: W7 D2 L1

Qualifying stat: By topping Group B, Belgium - 66th in 2009 - were guaranteed to move to the top of FIFA's world rankings for the first time in their history.

Mixed fortunes for

IT'S been a week of mixed fortunes for Saints' Euro 2016 hopefuls.

While some were left celebrating qualification for next summer's tournament in France, others weren't so lucky.

Here, JONATHAN MATON rounds up the action.

STEVEN DAVIS

The midfielder Steven Davis's heroics in a Northern Ireland shirt were rewarded this past international break.

Davis was at the double inside Windsor Park when a 3-1 win against Greece booked them a place in France and Euro 2016 next summer.

The Saints' midfielder played eight full 90 minutes in qualifying and only missed one game through a hamstring injury he suffered back in 2014.

They kicked off the group stages with a dogged performance in their first game away to Hungary, summing up their qualifying prowess on the road. Two late goals from Niall McGinn and Kyle Lafferty gifted them the best start possible. Current Saint Davis and Ex-Saint Chris Baird both anchored the mid-field completing 90 minutes.

Captain Davis then guided his side to what was a familiar score line of 2-0, both home to the Faroe Islands and away to Greece meant that Northern Ireland were three from three in the opening two rounds of qualifying.

After injuring his hamstring in Saints home win over Leicester in 2014, an absent Davis then saw his side slump to a 2-0 score line in Romania.

Carrying a slight knock, Davis played the first half against Finland in Belfast and being two goals to the good at half time; Michael O'Neill's decision to substitute Davis proved to be a wise one (2-1 victors).

Playing every minute of the last five games, a goalless draw at home to Romania and a 3-1 away win in the Faroe Islands put them on the brink of qualification for the tournament with just three games to go.

A stoppage time equaliser from top scorer Lafferty against Hungary all but ensured qualification for next summer.

Needing just one win from their last two games, the midfielders' persistence paid off scoring two goals either side of a Josh Magennis' second, making history in Belfast. Beating Greece 3-1 and sending the whole country into hysterics.

Davis achieved the last 90 minutes of qualifying, rounding off a magnificent campaign with a score draw in Finland, Northern Ireland had won a group for the first time since 1958.

Shane Long

Republic of Ireland will have to



Republic of Ireland's Shane Long is all smiles after his winning goal against Germany.



Northern Ireland's Steven Davis, right, celebrates Euro 2016 qualification.

settle for a play-off position if they are to play a part in next year's European Championships.

Saints' forward Long's winner against world champions Germany gave the Republic a guaranteed third place spot and a potential shot at qualifying automatically

going into their last game against Poland in Warsaw.

Long played a part in eight of the 10 games during qualifying, featuring as a substitute in six of them.

Using his pace to terrify defences in the closing stages of games, Long's impact was monumental;

netting three times during qualifying - earning his country more points in total than goals scored.

The front man was a 76th minute sub in their first game away to Georgia, and Aidan McGeady double gave them a 2-1 win.

Long was an unused sub in Ire-

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Saints in Europe



Graziano Pelle's goals won Italy six points in Euro 2016 qualifying



Ex-Saints ace Gareth Bale (centre) celebrates a Wales win en route to Euro 2016.

land's next two games, a 7-0 win in Dublin against Gibraltar and a last minute equaliser away to Germany put Ireland joint leaders of Group D with the early pace setters Poland.

Long was awarded with a start away to Scotland and was removed from the game in the 68th minute.

The Republic lost 1-0. His impact off the bench proved to be pivotal rescuing a point for Ireland as Long grabbed a stoppage time equaliser at home to Poland.

Long entered the game in the 80th minute at home to Scotland but could not make an instant impact, the game petering out into a draw.

He then scored his second goal in qualifying, netting just six minutes after coming on as a sub away in Gibraltar.

Robbie Keane made way for the Saints man at half time in Dublin against Georgia, and Jonathan Walters bundled in a 69th minute winner for Ireland.

Long's moment arrived in the 70th minute against world champions Germany at the AVIVA Stadium, just five minutes after coming on as a substitute.

The Republic managed to see the game out and secured a play-off spot and a potential automatic qualifying position.

Long was rewarded with a start in their final group game against Poland. He went off injured in the 55th minute.

Ireland lost 2-1 and had to settle for a play-off spot. Ex-Saint Artur Boruc was amongst the substitutes for Poland.

Graziano Pelle

Pelle helped Italy qualify for Euro 2016 as Group H winners.

After not being selected for their first outing (a 2-0 win in Norway) a run of four goals in six games for new club Saints earned him a call up to the Italian side in October 2014.

He was an unused substitute in Italy's 2-1 win against Azerbaijan in Palermo, a first experience for the striker who had earned his first senior call up for Italy at the age of 29.

Pelle made his senior Italian debut came in the third qualifier, grabbing the only goal in Malta. Having completed 75 minutes, he was replaced by central defender Angelo Ogbonna.

Pelle was then dropped back to the bench for Italy and came on in the 63rd during a 1-1 draw at home to Croatia.

He was again an unused sub in a 2-2 draw with Bulgaria in Sofia, but started against Croatia and played the full 90 minutes in another draw.

Hosting Malta at home last month, history repeated itself as a solitary Pelle goal in the 69th minute earned his side all three points to move them closer towards Euro qualification.

Pelle was this time rewarded with a start against Bulgaria in Palermo, replaced in the 73rd minute of a 1-0 win.

He played only his third 90 minutes of the qualifying campaign as Italy breezed past Azerbaijan 3-1 to secure a place in next year's tournament.

His hard work away was rewarded as Pelle struck the winner with 10 minutes to go on Tuesday, Italy coming from behind to win 2-1.

That means Pelle's goals won Italy six points in the qualifying campaign.

Ryan Bertrand

Saints' left back Bertrand's call-up into the England squad so soon after injury may have been a slight shock to the majority.

He made only his fifth start for his country as England cruised to a 2-0 win over Estonia last Friday.

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Croatia

Coach: Ante Cacic

Star player: Ivan Perisic

Chances: With some talented and established players, Croatia will expect to make the last 16 and hope to go further.

Tournament best: Quarter-finalists, 1996 & 2008

Qualifying record: W6 D3 L1

Qualifying stat: Croatia had an eventful qualifying campaign, having a point deducted after a swastika was burned onto their pitch and changing managers in September, but they leapfrogged Norway in the last round of fixtures to go through.

Czech Republic

Coach: Pavel Vrba

Star player: Petr Cech

Chances: The Czechs appear short of the star quality of the past and may not get beyond the last 16.

Tournament best: Finalists, 1996

Qualifying record: W7 D1 L2

Qualifying stat: The Czechs have qualified for the finals of every Euros since the break-up of Czechoslovakia, a run starting with the 1996 tournament.

England



Wayne Rooney

Coach: Roy Hodgson

Star player: Wayne Rooney

Chances: Past failures may still temper optimism, but the quarter-finals should be a minimum aim.

Tournament best: Semi-finalists, 1968 (3rd place play-off winners) & 1996

Qualifying record: W10 D0 L0

Qualifying stat: The last team to qualify for the finals with a 100 per cent record, Spain four years ago, went on to win the tournament while Germany reached the semi-finals in 2008 after also going through with perfect statistics.

Germany

Coach: Joachim Low

Star player: Thomas Muller

Chances: Despite stuttering over the line with less-than-convincing performances in their final two qualifiers, the world champions are likely to begin the tournament as favourites.

Tournament best: Winners, 1972, 1980 & 1996

Qualifying record: W7 D1 L2

Qualifying stat: Germany had the most attempts on goal of any team during the group stage of qualifying with 232, ahead of Belgium (207) and England (195).

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Iceland

Coaches: Lars Lagerback
Star player: Gylfi Sigurdsson
Chances: Iceland have suddenly emerged as a dangerous side under Lagerback and they will hope to reach the last 16.

Tournament best: n/a
Qualifying record: W6 D2 L2
Qualifying stat: Lagerback is a dab hand at qualifying for Euros, having led his native Sweden to the finals three times and now repeating the trick with an Iceland team up against established opposition such as Holland, Czech Republic and Turkey in qualifying.

Italy

Coach: Antonio Conte
Star player: Gianluigi Buffon
Chances: The Italians may have qualified comfortably but lack the star quality of the past and can only be regarded as having an outside chance of glory.

Tournament best: Winners, 1968
Qualifying record: W7 D3 L0
Qualifying stat: Italy were short of goals in qualifying with Southampton's Graziano Pelle their top scorer with



Steven Davis

three.

Northern Ireland

Coach: Michael O'Neill
Star player: Steven Davis
Chances: The Northern Irish are a well-coached and strong unit greater than the sum of their parts, but getting beyond the group stage would be a remarkable achievement.

Tournament best: n/a
Qualifying record: W6 D3 L1
Qualifying stat: O'Neill's men proved the surprise package of qualifying Group, topping the pool having begun as 20/1 outsiders.

Poland

Coach: Adam Nawalka
Star player: Robert Lewandowski
Chances: With Lewandowski fit and firing anything might be possible, but the quarter-finals might be realistic.

Tournament best: Group stages, 2008 & 2012

Qualifying record: W6 D3 L1
Qualifying stat: Lewandowski's 13 goals equalled the record set by Northern Ireland's David Healy for the most goals scored in a European Championship qualifying campaign.
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Bertrand looks set

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Bertrand played the full 90 minutes at Wembley and made a positive impression on manager Roy Hodgson.

His only other contribution to the squad was an unused sub in the 3-2 win over Slovenia in June.

One that many thought was unfair, due to his successful season with the Saints.

The full back watched Arsenal's Kieran Gibbs play the full 90 minutes in Lithuania on Monday night. England ran out 3-0 winners, completing 0 wins from 10 in their qualification campaign.

If Bertrand is to avoid injury, he could be off to his first major tournament in an England shirt.

Jose Fonte and Cedric Soares

The two Saints defenders will be hoping they too get the nod for next summer's Championships.

With a disastrous start to qualifying, losing to Albania, the need for change was imminent.

Saints' current crop of Portuguese talent were then called up and right back Soares made his full debut for the national team. With Fonte on the bench, Portugal needed a 95th minute winner from who else but Cristiano Ronaldo to get past Denmark.

The Ronaldo show was rolling once again as Soares and Fonte watched from the bench as another Ronaldo strike defeated Armenia.

After Ricardo Carvalho opened the scoring against Serbia in Lisbon, he hobbled off after 17 minutes – handing Fonte his first competitive senior appearance for Portugal, who won 2-1.

After a Ronaldo hat-trick in Armenia, Fonte came off in the 78th minute to see out the game in a 3-2 win.

With Soares beginning to show signs of quality representing his national team and at Saints, he was rewarded with a full 90 minutes against Denmark that secured Portugal's place in France. Fonte entered the game in added time.

Portugal's qualifying campaign ended with a 2-1 win in Serbia last weekend. Fonte played a whole 90 minutes in Belgrade with Soares as an unused substitute.

Fonte faces competition from ex-Chelsea man Ricardo Carvalho, Real Madrid's Pepe and 82 times capped Bruno Alves in his country's regular starting XI.

Virgil Van Dijk, Maarten Stekelenburg and Jordy Clasie

The three Dutchmen won't be competing at next year's competition, as Holland failed to qualify for a major tournament for the first time since 2002.

The Netherlands only managed



Jordy Clasie and his Dutch colleagues won't be going to the Euro 2016 party next summer.



Southampton's Virgil Van Dijk scores against Swansea last month. He's not off to Euro 2016, though.

to win four of their 10 matches in qualifying which condemned them to fourth spot in the group.

Van Dijk earned his call up after having a good start to the season with Saints, but failed to impress boss Danny Blind as he was substituted with the hosts 3-0 down against

the Czech Republic on Tuesday. Stekelenburg's call up last week-end came in place of the injured Tim Krul (who faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines with a knee injury).

Although he played no part in the game, it will be a positive thought

for the Saints' stopper who has endured a tough couple of years at Fulham and Monaco after representing his country in the 2010 World Cup final.

Clasie only played 70 minutes of the Dutch campaign, in a 6-0 win over Latvia.

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Saints skipper Jose Fonte will be hoping to represent Portugal at next summer's Euro 2016 finals.



Cedric Soares has developed into a regular in the Portugal team in the last 12 months.

Gareth Bale

The former Saints starlet was at the heart of his country's momentous Euro 2016 qualification.

Bale scored seven goals in qualifying, three of them match

winners, to send Wales to their first major tournament since 1958.

The winger was in inspired form in their first qualifier, scoring two goals including a sublime free-kick in Andorra.

With a 0-0 draw at home to Bosnia, and a home win against Cyprus, the Welsh crowd started to believe.

Another double from Bale in a 3-0 victory in Tel-Aviv propelled the home nation above Israel and into second place in Group B.

Now joint-leaders, Wales took on Belgium at the Cardiff City Stadium - and the ex-Saint was again his country's match winner.

Bale repeated his heroics in

Cyprus, heading Wales in front in the 82nd minute to but secure their place in next year's tournament.

Following a goalless draw at home to Israel, Wales were guaranteed qualification if they could secure a win in their last two matches.

When Israel lost at home to Cyprus, the loss in Bosnia didn't matter as Wales had finally reached the promised land.

It was party time in Cardiff last Tuesday as Wales completed their campaign with a 2-0 win against Andorra.

Bale added the second and completed all but three minutes of Wales's full qualifying campaign.

Injured goalkeeper Fraser Forster - currently recuperating after suffering a severe knee injury last March - was in the squad for five of England's ten qualifying matches. He should hopefully be back in full training by the end of this year.

In all, Saints had nine current and ex-players in the squads in the qualifiers.

Ex Southampton stars Theo Walcott, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Adam Lallana, Luke Shaw, Callum Chambers, Rickie Lambert and Nathaniel Clyne all played parts as England recorded their perfect qualifying campaign.

Chambers played two full 90 minutes in qualifying - a 5-0 win at home to San Marino and a 1-0 win in Tallinn against Estonia.

They were the only minutes he was given in the ten games.

Walcott staked his claim to be on the plane to France.

The three goals in qualifying - two in the 6-0 romp in San Marino in September and one against Estonia last week - left the Arsenal man joint third top scorer in his country's perfect qualifying campaign along with Harry Kane.

Walcott and Kane were only called up five games into qualifying.

Lallana and Oxlade-Chamberlain both had a successful qualification period.

Lambert failed to score any goals in qualifying, and was used as a second half substitute regularly in the early games.

But he lost his place in Roy Hodgson's squad last season after failing to get regular game time under Brendan Rodgers at Anfield.

Shaw's broken leg could well cost him a place at next summer's Euro Championships.

With Leighton Baines and Ryan Bertrand out injured, Shaw had played in both England's two September qualifiers.

Lastly, Clyne's call-up into the squad in October 2014 later earned him a number of starts. He could well be Hodgson's first choice right back next summer.

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Portugal

Coach: Fernando Santos

Star player: Cristiano Ronaldo

Chances: Like Lewandowski for Poland, Ronaldo can inspire this team to great things and they could certainly go deep into the tournament.

Tournament best: Finalists, 2004

Qualifying record: W7 D0 L1

Qualifying stat: Portugal's campaign got off to a poor start under new boss Santos as they lost to Albania, but seven straight wins put that right.

Romania

Coach: Anghel Iordanescu

Star player: Razvan Rat

Chances: Despite being solid, Romania are not a team built to excite and they may not get out of their group.

Tournament best: Quarter-finalists, 2000

Qualifying record: W5 D5 L0

Qualifying stat: Romania had the best defensive record in qualifying, conceding just twice.

Russia

Coach: Leonid Slutsky



Cristiano Ronaldo

Star player: Artem Dzyuba

Chances: Showed their quality with a strong finish in qualifying and should at least threaten the quarter-finals.

Tournament best: Semi-finalists, 2008

Qualifying record: W6 D2 L2

Qualifying stat: Slutsky, the CSKA Moscow coach who took temporary charge of the national side during qualifying and successfully guided them to the finals, had his playing career as a goalkeeper ended when he fell out of a tree trying to rescue a cat.

Slovakia

Coach: Jan Kozak

Star player: Marek Hamsik

Chances: First appearance at the finals and anything beyond the group stage would be highly satisfactory.

Tournament best: n/a

Qualifying record: W7 D1 L2

Qualifying stat: Slovakia's Vladimir Weiss tied with Poland's Arkadiusz Milik and Senad Lulic of Bosnia for the most number of assists in the qualifying group stage on six.

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Spain

Coach: Vicente del Bosque

Star player: David Silva

Chances: The squad may not be quite of the strength of those that won everything from 2008-2012, but they are still capable of claiming a third successive Euro title.

Tournament best: Winners, 1964, 2008 & 2012

Qualifying record: W9 D0 L1

Qualifying stat: Spain's loss to Slovakia in October 2014 is their only defeat in qualifying for any major tournament in the past nine years.

Switzerland

Coach: Vladimir Petkovic

Star player: Xherdan Shaqiri

Chances: A potent but fallible side and the last eight might be the top of their ambitions.

Tournament best: Group stages, 1996, 2004 & 2008

Qualifying record: W7 D0 L3

Qualifying stat: Petkovic, who took charge at the start of the campaign and saw the Swiss through despite defeats in the first two games, speaks Italian, French, English, Spanish, German and Russian.



Gareth Bale

Turkey

Coach: Fatih Terim

Star player: Selcuk Inan

Chances: Emerged from a tough group but will be among the outsiders at the tournament.

Tournament best: Semi-finalists, 2008

Qualifying record: W5 D3 L2

Qualifying stat: Turkey not only saw off Holland to finish third in qualifying Group A, but their last-gasp win against Iceland ensured they also pipped Hungary to reach the finals automatically as the best third-placed team.

Wales

Coach: Chris Coleman

Star player: Gareth Bale

Chances: Bale might be able to make the difference against a number of teams, but without him Wales would not be half the side and they may not get out of their group.

Tournament best: n/a

Qualifying record: W6 D3 L1

Qualifying stat: Bale had more shots off target (21) than any other player in the qualifying groups and, in terms of overall attempts (24), was second only to Lewandowski (25).

The tournament line-up will be completed after play-offs featuring Bosnia, Denmark, Hungary, Republic of Ireland, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden and Ukraine.

My great matches

SINCE January 2008, I have had the privilege of working as a sports reporter at the Southern Daily Echo.

But my time with the paper came to an end this week, *writes* **GORDON SIMPSON.**

It was my great fortune to cover many Saints games in the nearly eight years I was on the staff, as I followed the team around the country with my tremendous friend and colleague, Adam Leitch.

One of the last tasks handed to me by my long-time sports editor, Simon Carter, who I remain so grateful to for allowing me to take on a role covering the club, was to produce this piece, compiling my best and worst matches.

I'm not keen on self-indulgent articles, but I hope you are happy to bear with me while I briefly recount these games.

There are a few that would have been in there, but aren't for various reasons.

For example, I only saw the 3-1 win at Chelsea this month on TV, as I was on holiday (I wish I'd come back a bit earlier now!).

There are also some notable home games I was sad to miss, or that I had to sneak into among the fans, due to Nicola Cortese's long-term ban on the *Echo* - hence the absence of the 4-0 win over Coventry that secured promotion to the Premier League.

A couple of games also just missed the 'worst' cut - such as driving myself to Carlisle and back for a 3-2 defeat in November 2010.

At least I did get to stay overnight, even if the hotel had lost my reservation.

The 0-0 home draw with West Ham in September 2013 is also 90 minutes of my life I wish I could get back, and which I still think I would have been justified in filing a blank document as a report.

I will also never forget my first ever experience of covering Saints on my own, a 3-1 League Cup defeat away to Rotherham - on a freezing cold night at the Don Valley Stadium, in Sheffield - in September 2008 (the only way was up from there at least!).

Still, there are plenty of great memories for me here.

Like most of the things I write, though, I'll probably look back on it in a few days and wish I'd done it differently!

MY TEN BEST MATCHES

Manchester United 0 Saints 1
January 11, 2015
Premier League

In a long time watching Saints, both in a professional and a personal capacity, this is the only time I have ever witnessed them win at Old Trafford.

I always attempt to be fairly de-



Dejan Lovren celebrates scoring Saints' winner at Anfield in September 2013



Jack Cork scores Saints' third goal in the 8-0 hammering of Sunderland in October 2014

tached and dispassionate while working at a game, but I will admit to being extremely nervous during the final minutes of this one.

It felt like such a momentous victory and it was a day when you really thought Saints could go on and finish in the top four.

Sadly, that didn't happen, but this remains a memory I will treasure for some time.

I also have a huge amount of time for Dusan Tadic - he's such a nice guy that he offered to go and make me and Adam Leitch a cup of tea during our first interview with him

- so it was great to see him get the winner.

Saints 8 Sunderland 0
October 18, 2014
Premier League

I'm not sure I enjoyed the final

covering the Saints



Kelvin Davis is mobbed after he final whistle at Leeds in March 2012



Dusan Tadic, right, celebrates after scoring Saints' winner at Old Trafford last season

few minutes as much as I should have, as I was scrambling through lists of results and records on deadline to work out where this ranked in Saints' history, but to see the team score eight in a single Premier League match is something I will never forget, even if it did mean a significant amount of ex-

tra work afterwards (we produced an eight-page supplement to mark the occasion – one for every goal – so I was probably about the only person pleased we didn't score any more goals!).

Liverpool 0 Saints 1
September 21, 2013

Premier League

This was by no means Saints' best display under Mauricio Pochettino, but winning at Anfield remains a really special thing for a club like Southampton, and I took a lot of pleasure from being able to report on this one.

Dejan Lovren got the winner, and, although his relationship with the fans has turned incredibly sour, it was really enjoyable to watch him during the first half of this season, before he began to tail off.

Manchester City 3 Saints 2
August 19, 2012
Premier League

Yes, it was a defeat, but this was still a great day for the club and a proper occasion, as they nearly toppled the champions away from home on their long-awaited return to the top-flight.

It was such a shame they couldn't hold on after going 2-1 ahead, but it still felt like they had announced: "We're back".

And so it proved.

It was also nice to be heading to grounds like the Etihad Stadium after a few of the horrors we endured in League 1 in particular.

Leeds 0 Saints 1
March 3, 2012
Championship

Without doubt, the best goalkeeping performance I have ever witnessed live. Saints should have lost by a hatful, but Kelvin Davis was simply incredible.

He's been really good to me over the years, and some people might not realise just how important he is to the club with the work he does in the dressing room, so it was wonderful to see him produce a day like this.

Ipswich 2 Saints 5
August 16, 2011
Championship

There are few, if any, players who I enjoyed covering more than Rickie Lambert.

I witnessed first-hand some of the biggest moments of his career – his first Premier League goal and his Roy of the Rovers impression on his England debut were both stand-out moments – but his first Championship goals were memorable as well.

They were two magnificent strikes in what was a stunning team performance.

The pass from one of my other favourite players, Morgan Schneiderlin, for Adam Lallana's goal was a thing of beauty too on a night when it became clear Saints were going to be real contenders in the Championship.

Brighton 1 Saints 2
April 23, 2011
League 1

This really wasn't a great game, but the whole atmosphere and the fact that Saints turned the match completely on its head in the dying stages to effectively break the back of promotion made it a wonderful day to witness.

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How did the 'perfect' teams fare?

ENGLAND this week became only the sixth team to qualify for a European Championship with a 100 per cent record.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at the very mixed results of the other five teams who have achieved the feat.

FRANCE - 1992

Result: Group stages

Les Bleus failed to qualify for the 1988 European Championship or the 1990 World Cup, but Michel Platini's free-flowing side, inspired by 1991 European Footballer of the Year Jean-Pierre Papin and Eric Cantona, scored 20 goals as they won all eight group games to become the competition's first perfect qualifiers.

But they could not live up to their favourites' tag and endured an embarrassing showing at the finals in Sweden, failing to register a win.

CZECH REPUBLIC - 2000

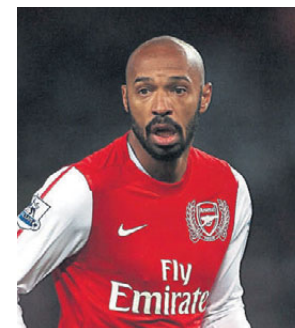
Result: Group stages

The Czechs made up for missing out on the 1998 World Cup by winning 10 out of 10 games, conceding only five goals in a relatively weak group and finishing 12 points clear of second-placed Scotland. Drawn in arguably the toughest group, the Euro 96 runners-up were knocked out at the first hurdle.

France - 2004

Result: Quarter-finals

Following their disastrous World Cup defence in 2002, France, as in 1992,



Thierry Henry

registered a perfect qualifying campaign after being drawn with Cyprus, Malta, Israel and Slovenia. Les Bleus scored 29 goals and conceded only two in qualification as the defending champions looked back to their fluent best.

France managed to top their group in Portugal but the likes of Zinedine Zidane, Thierry Henry and Lilian Thuram could not prevent the French from losing 1-0 to surprise winners Greece in the quarter-finals.

Germany - 2012

Result: Semi-finals

Germany were a team on a mission after finishing third at the 2010 World Cup as they made easy work of a tough qualifying group including the likes of Turkey and Belgium. Joachim Low's men came unstuck against Italy in the semis as Mario Balotelli inspired the Italians to a 2-1 victory.

Spain - 2012

Result: Winners

Defending European and reigning world champions Spain were another team to go unbeaten during the Euro 2012 qualifying campaign. Drawn against the Czech Republic, Scotland, Lithuania, and Liechtenstein, Vicente del Bosque's side looked dominant and were billed as pre-tournament favourites ahead of Euro 2012. The Spaniards topped their group at the finals before defeating France 2-0 in the quarter-finals. In the semi-finals the Roja needed penalties to overcome Portugal before caning Italy 4-0 in a one-sided final to become the first side to truly translate promise in qualification into tangible tournament success.

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Why Bale & co can be a surprise act

WALES have qualified for next summer's European Championship - their first major tournament since the 1958 World Cup.

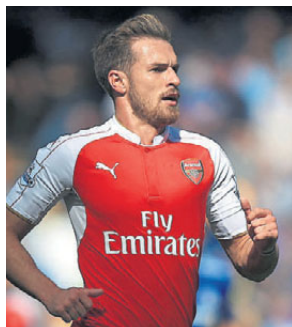
Here, the Sports Pink outlines five reasons why Wales could be dark horses at Euro 2016.

1 Gareth Bale

It is little wonder headline writers have often referred to 'Bales' rather than 'Wales'. The Real Madrid forward is the talisman of the so-called 'Golden Generation', sprinkling stardust wherever he goes. Bale scored six goals in qualifying, including late winners against Andorra and Cyprus and the exquisite finish which floored Belgium. Put simply he is a world-class match-winner and there are not many of those players around, even at the European Championships.

2 Strong spine

Bale's goals have made the difference but a strong spine runs right through Chris Coleman's side. Wayne Hennessey brings stature and authority in goal and in Euro 2016 qualifying has shown why he was tipped for big things at a young age. Skipper Ashley Williams provides poise, organisation and leadership in central defence and, in midfield, Joe Allen's ability to keep the



Aaron Ramsey

ball and Aaron Ramsey's energy allows Wales to get Bale into areas where he can do maximum damage to opponents.

3 Defence

Wales' success has been based as much on resolute defence as Bale's brilliance. They went into the Bosnia game with the best defensive record in Euro 2016 qualifying, having conceded only twice in eight games - one a penalty and the other a free-kick. Bosnia's opening goal was the first Wales had conceded in 574 minutes of action, the second the first in open play. That defensive organisation will make them hard to beat in tournament football when extra time and penalties often comes into the equation.

4 Greece

Greece was the word in 2004 when European football hailed an unlikely champion. While the World Cup has been dominated by the traditional super-powers of the game, the European Championship has a history of smaller nations doing well. Denmark took the title in 1992, Greece 12 years later. There is no fear factor with so much analysis done on the opposition and the strides made by smaller nations in preparation and tactical awareness means they often punch well above

Remembering the

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Nigel Adkins took a lot of abuse from the home fans at the Withdean, but he handled it with his usual impressive dignity, and it was great to see two fine professionals - David Connolly and Jose Fonte, who I can't speak highly enough of for how much time he has given me over the years - scoring the goals.

Peterborough 4 Saints 4
February 5, 2011
League 1

This was just great fun. The whole game was completely mad, and I'll never forget the man in the press box frantically asking people at the final whistle "What was the score?!"

Carlisle 1 Saints 4
March 28, 2010
Johnstone's Paint Trophy final

When I started here, I hoped I would one day get the chance to cover Saints in an FA Cup final. That never happened, but at least I did get to report on them winning one piece of silverware at Wembley. It was a great day, and the atmosphere was probably as memorable to me as the result.

It was an afternoon when the whole club came together and you really felt that Saints, after so many difficult years, were finally on their way back.

Sheffield United 3 Saints 2
May 4, 2008
Championship

I came into the paper mid-way through this season, so this was one of the earliest games I helped report on. It was an exhausting match to watch, going one way then the other, as Saints were down, up, down again and finally up. They would go down the next season, obviously, so it ended up not meaning quite so much.

MY WORST GAMES

FC Midtjylland 1 Saints 0
August 27, 2015
Europa League

There are many reasons why this was so depressing - the result, the performance, the fact it came at the last hurdle before the group stages after so much work from the team to reach that point.

It was such a deflating night and I was struck by a genuine sense of sadness after it.

That mood probably wasn't helped as I then had to spend the entire day travelling home from Denmark on my birthday, via Stansted with Ryanair, before negotiating a jam-packed M25 and M3.

Sheffield United 1 Saints 0
December 16, 2014



Jose Fonte is shirt-less after scoring for Saints at Brighton in April 2011.



Rickie Lambert is congratulated after scoring in the 4-4 draw at Peterborough. **League Cup**

was pretty depressing.

Saints have been so good under Ronald Koeman that I feel bad picking a second game of his for this list, but this was a miserable night.

The team was so poor and wasted so much good work, having won at Millwall, Arsenal and Stoke to reach the quarter-finals.

I genuinely thought Saints were heading to Wembley in the competition, so to lose at a League 1 side

Sunderland 1 Saints 0
February 15, 2014
FA Cup fifth round

Mauricio Pochettino was great for Saints in his time at the club, but this was not his finest day.

No matter how he protested in the days after this game - he spent an impassioned half-hour or so after one press conference with a few of us poring over the result and

the reaction to it - I still can't help but feel he didn't give the team the best chance to win by leaving out so many players.

That was often his way in the cups, but Saints had a real chance of winning the trophy in this season and, ultimately, winning silverware is what football should really be about.

Charlton 1 Saints 1
March 22, 2011
League 1

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best and worst...



Stern John scores the winning goal for Saints against Sheffield United in 2008.



Saints celebrate winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2010.

This game will always hold a special place of hatred in my heart, although not for anything that happened on the pitch.

It was an evening game, with an incredibly tight deadline for the paper, which wasn't a major issue, until I realised Charlton's wife was irreparably broken and Vodafone's 3G signal was down, meaning I had no way to file any live updates and potentially my report and quotes pieces. I ended up sat outside the

ground, pretty much in the street, with my phone hooked up to my laptop in a last-ditch bid to find a way to send. Fortunately it worked, but I have never been as stressed as this at a match.

Depressing

*Nottingham Forest 3 Saints 1
May 3, 2009
Championship*

Saints were already down by this point and in administration, but this – their last match in the Championship – was so, so depressing.

I remember after the game being sat in a boot room at the City Ground, just off the tunnel, where a few of us were doing post-match interviews.

We were in there with Kelvin Davis and Andrew Surman

and everyone was just so glum and I think worn down by how bad things had been at the club.

If we'd known how much better things would soon get it wouldn't have been so bad, but it was a moment when it just felt as if the club was tumbling down into some sort of bottomless pit.

Thankfully, that was the end of the decline.

The Welsh legends who missed out

Wales stars Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey will play at Euro 2016 next summer after the nation finally qualified for a major tournament after 58 years of trying.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of the great Wales players of the past who missed out on a major finals.

NEVILLE SOUTHALL

Often described as the best goalkeeper in the world during his prime, Southall kept goal for the brilliant Everton side of the 1980s. Wales' record holder for most caps with 92, he was part of the Wales sides that agonisingly missed out on qualifying for both the 1986 and 1994 World Cups.

GARY SPEED

Won the title at Leeds but another who missed out on the international stage. Came close to qualification twice for the 1994 World Cup and 2004 European Championship, but his legacy will be the foundations he put in place as Wales manager before his tragic death in November 2011 at the age of 42.

MARK HUGHES

Suffered double heartbreak as both player and manager for Wales. But for a controversial Scotland equaliser, his goal would have sent Wales into a very winnable 1986 World Cup play-off



Mark Hughes

against Australia – and nearly two decades on his side lost a Euro 2004 eliminator to Russia.

IAN RUSH

Won every major prize in club football at Liverpool where he became the club's all-time goalscorer. Also Wales' record goalscorer with 28 goals in 73 appearances but still the end result was disappointment with near misses in both World Cup and European Championship qualifying.

JOHN TOSHACK

Wales did make it to the last eight in the 1976 European Championship but in those days the finals were restricted to the final four, so Liverpool striker Toshack was another to miss out. Failed to lead Wales to a tournament as manager from 2004-10 but played key role in bleeding many of the current crop.

RYAN GIGGS

Probably the greatest Wales player never to have graced a major tournament. The most decorated player in English football history after two decades at Manchester United went close to reaching the 1994 World Cup and 2004 European Championship with plenty of lean years in between.

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Spitfires fans can't complain at a lack of pace ..!

EASTLEIGH fans will have no grounds to complain that the side lacks pace.

Chris Todd's first signing as manager is one of the fastest footballers on earth.

Exciting 21-year-old wideman/forward Matthias 'Matty' Fanimo is a former England Under-16s, 17s and 18s player who was at West Ham United until earlier this year.

And it was during his time in the Hammers' ranks that it emerged he had recorded a top speed equal to Manchester United's Antonio Valencia, who is re-

garded as the world's fastest footballer.

A list of top speeds reached by players wearing GPS tracking systems showed Fanimo and Valencia joint top.

Fanimo tweeted at the time: "No doubt who's the quickest in the world."

Having played in a Carling Cup win over Crewe Alexandra for the Hammers in 2011, Fanimo did not appear again before being released in February this year.

His other appearance as a professional was for then League Two side Tran-

mere Rovers on loan in September 2014.

More recently he has been at Bishop's Cleeve.

Todd believes Eastleigh can provide the perfect platform to revive his career. The new Spitfires boss said: "The English system isn't great for kids.

"They go to a big club but, after that, where do they go when they get released? Often it's into the wilderness.

"I believe in talent and I believe that, in time, we can turn Matty into something special."



Matty Fanimo

You're hired! Chairman finds perfect man under his nose

Caretaker shows credentials with three big victories

CHRIS Todd used his three weeks in caretaker charge to open up an unassailable gap on the field in the hotly-contested race to be Eastleigh's new manager.

In fact, three days into his temporary reign Todd had already pushed himself into pole position to succeed Richard Hill, who resigned from the post on September 23, *writes Paul McNamara.*

Handed a daunting trip to high-riding Wrexham for his maiden foray into management, the Welshman prospered on his return to his homeland.

And it was more than the Spitfires' shock victory at the Racecourse Ground that marked Todd out as leadership material.

As Eastleigh's players were put through their pre-match paces at in North-Wales by the club's sports therapist, ex-Saints defender Andy Cook, it was apparent that there was a renewed buzz radiating from an energetic group.

Rookie

Todd surveyed the exercise from a distance, standing in front of his dug-out, an impassive figure absorbing the scene playing out in front of him.

The 34-year-old rookie had made five changes to a side beaten 5-2 by Dover at the Silverlake Stadium only four days previously, in what had proved to be Hill's last match at the Spitfires' helm.

Todd was looking for the reaction. Was there any evidence of sulking among those that he had left-out on his managerial debut – and were the 11 that he had selected ready to invest in his methods?

He got the answers that he was hop-



New Eastleigh manager Chris Todd

ing for, on both counts.

An Eastleigh side adopting a fresh tactical approach led 2-0 at half-time against a Wrexham outfit that was yet to taste defeat on their own ground this term.

When the Dragons hit back to draw level, it would have been easy – and entirely forgivable – for a first-time boss to retreat into his shell.

Instead Todd engineered a remarkable turning of the tide.

Adjusting his team's set-up and personnel, the temporary boss put the brakes on the home resurgence, before Ben Strevens nodded home a late winner.

Todd had admitted that this opportunity to fulfil a long-held ambition to step into management had arrived

earlier than expected.

Nevertheless, to listen to him talk exuberantly, but with real clarity and authority, in the wake of that rousing afternoon at Wrexham was to hear a man certain of his destiny.

Premature

It would, of course, have been premature for the club's owner, Stewart Donald, to bet all his chips on Todd on the evidence of one day's work.

And that fact was confirmed when, on their next outing, the Spitfires' slumped to a listless defeat at home to Braintree.

To quote Benjamin Disraeli, however: "There is no education like adversity".

Whereas some might have chucked the towel in on their aspirations following that low, Todd went into over-drive.

With his players, the manager assessed what had gone wrong during their unexpected 2-0 reverse and went about correcting things.

A stunning victory at third-placed Tranmere Rovers last week was followed up by Tuesday night's beating of table-topping Forest Green Rovers – a match notable for the expressive nature of the Spitfires' play.

Tremendous

That Todd's unveiling as full-time boss on Thursday had become an inevitability, is a measure of the tremendous impression a likeable and canny individual has made on Donald and Eastleigh supporters in such a short period.

Todd's task now assumes a fresh dimension.

He is the man in charge and, ultimately, responsibility for his club's fortunes falls squarely on his slender shoulders.

Everything we've seen so far, suggests that Chris Todd is up to the challenge.

There were reportedly 80 serious applicants for what is a coveted role, but it turns out that Donald had the right man under his nose all along.

NEXT WEEK'S FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Monday, October 19
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Hungerford v Chesham, Redditch v Slough.

Tuesday, October 20
Championship: Bolton Wanderers v Birmingham City, Brighton and Hove A v Bristol City, Cardiff City v Middlesbrough, Charlton Athletic v Preston North End, Huddersfield Town v Milton Keynes Dons, Hull City v Ipswich Town, Nottingham Forest v Burnley, Queens Park Rangers v Sheffield Wednesday, Rotherham United v Reading.

League One: Barnsley v Walsall, Blackpool v Millwall, Bradford City v Bury, Burton Albion v Crewe Alexandra, Chesterfield v Southend United, Colchester United v Port Vale, Gillingham v Scunthorpe United, Peterborough United v Wigan Athletic, Rochdale v Coventry City, Sheffield United v Fleetwood Town, Shrewsbury Town v Doncaster Rovers, Swindon Town v Oldham Athletic

League Two: Accrington Stanley v AFC Wimbledon, Bristol Rovers v Notts County, Hartlepool United v Barnet, Luton Town v Leyton Orient, Morecambe v Crawley Town, Northampton Town v Carlisle United, Oxford United v Plymouth Argyle, Portsmouth v Stevenage, Wycombe Wanderers v Newport County, Yeovil Town v Mansfield Town
York City v Dagenham and Redbridge

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bideford v Frome, Biggleswade v Kettering, Chippenham v Weymouth, Dorchester v Poole Town, Dunstable v St Neots, Histon v Kings Lynn, Paulton Rovers v Merthyr Town (7.30).
Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Shortwood, Mangotsfield v Wimborne, Taunton v Cinderford.

Red Insure Cup, first round: AFC Totton v Banbury.
RUSSELL COTES CUP
First round: AFC Portchester v Whitchurch, Baffins Milton Rovers v Romsey Town, Bemerton HH v Aldershot, Cowes Sports v Hythe & Dibden, Folland Sports v Newport IOW, Lymington Town v US Portsmouth, Moneyfields v Andover NS, New Milton v Otterbourne.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Fareham Town v Hordean.

Wednesday, October 21
Championship
Blackburn Rovers v Derby County, Fulham v Leeds United, Wolves v Brentford.
League Two: Exeter City v Cambridge United

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division One South & West: North Leigh v Banbury.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Brockenhurst v Andover Town.
RUSSELL COTES CUP
First round: Christchurch v Hamble Club.
SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP
Second round: AFC Stoneham v AFC Gulf Western.
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP
Second round: Fleetlands v Liss Athletic (at Liss).

Saturday, October 24
Premier League: Arsenal v Everton, Aston Villa v Swansea City, Leicester v Crystal Palace, Norwich v WBA, Stoke City v Watford, West Ham v Chelsea
Championship: Blackburn v Burnley, Bolton v Leeds, Brighton and Hove A v Preston, Charlton v Brentford, Fulham v Reading, Huddersfield v Derby, Hull City v Birmingham City, Nottingham Forest v Ipswich, QPR v MKDons, Wolves v Middlesbrough.
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Non league FOOTBALL



Todd: I owe Richard Hill a lot ... but this is my time now!

Eastleigh give job to caretaker boss after impressive run of matches

NEW Eastleigh boss Chris Todd insisted "it's my time now" after having his caretaker tag replaced with a permanent label this week.

But though the ambitious, young Welshman is relishing the challenge of taking the Spitfires to the next level, he acknowledges that, without his predecessor Richard Hill, he would never have got the chance of managing one of the south's most rapidly rising clubs, *writes Wendy Gee*.

It was Hill that first brought Todd to the Silverlake Stadium as a player in January 2013 having identified that, without a solid defensive backbone, Eastleigh would never achieve their immediate goal of promotion to the Conference National.

The arrival of the experienced Todd, fellow defender Dean Beckwith and Luton loanee Alex Lacey helped turn that season around, lifting the Spitfires from the depths of the Conference South to the end-of-season play-offs.

Under Hill's wily guidance they went on to win the title the following spring and, as Eastleigh embarked on their first season dining at non-League's top table, so Todd took his first step towards management as player-coach.

This summer he climbed another rung of the ladder, replacing the departed Craig McAllister as assistant boss. And when nobly, Hill fell on his sword after an uncharacteristically poor run of results last month, Todd was in the right place at the right time to assume caretaker charge and ultimately stake his claim for the top job.

Stepping into the old manager's shoes is never easy, particularly when he is someone you have worked so closely with over the years.

Todd still keeps in touch with Hill and acknowledged: "I wouldn't be at the club if it wasn't for Richard and I have to thank him for that."

"But Richard went and this is my time now."

"It was Richard who brought me to the club and it was him who made me coach and then assistant manager."

"If it wasn't for him doing that I wouldn't be standing here now as manager of Eastleigh FC."

"I've spoken to Richard and hopefully he'll be back in the game sooner rather than later."

Having turned 34 in August, Todd was one of the younger applicants for Eastleigh job, but he felt he had



New era – Mark Jewell (chief executive), Chris Todd (manager), Shaun North (assistant), Stewart Donald (chairman).



Chris Todd with former Eastleigh boss Richard Hill

been destined to be a manager all his footballing life.

It is his first managerial post but Todd, who guided Eastleigh to memorable National League wins over Wrexham, Tranmere and league leaders Forest Green Rovers while in interim charge, is ready for the challenge.

"I'm delighted to get the job, obviously, in fact honoured is the word I'd use," he smiled. "What a challenge and what a great job to get as my first in management!"

"It's come sooner than I thought but

I always believed, even when I was starting out as a player, that I would be a manager one day. As a young lad of 18 or 19 getting into the Swans (Swansea City) first team, I was telling people what to do. I've got that leadership in me.

"The results we've had against Wrexham, Tranmere and Forest Green show what this club is capable of, but this is just the start. We've got to kick on now and start working our way up towards the Football League."

● Todd has settled on Shaun North as his right-hand man at Eastleigh.

The pair met each other when they were at Torquay United together – Todd as a player and North as assistant manager.

Having built himself a fine coaching reputation at Portsmouth, North has also been assistant manager at Bristol Rovers and reserve team boss at Oxford United.

He was under-21 development coach for AFC Wimbledon, first team coach at Cheltenham and more recently left his role as academy manager/assistant boss at Eastbourne Borough.

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League One: Barnsley v Fleetwood Town, Blackpool v Crewe Alexandra, Bradford City v Wigan Athletic, Burton Albion v Port Vale, Chesterfield v Scunthorpe United, Colchester United v Walsall, Gillingham v Southend United, Peterborough United v Doncaster Rovers, Rochdale v Oldham Athletic, Sheffield United v Millwall, Shrewsbury Town v Bury, Swindon Town v Coventry City.

League Two: Accrington v Dagenham and Redbridge, Bristol Rovers v Newport County, Exeter City v Notts County, Hartlepool United v Crawley, Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle, Morecambe v Leyton Orient, Northampton v Stevenage, Oxford United v Barnet, Portsmouth v Mansfield, Wycombe v Carlisle United, Yeovil v Cambridge United, York v AFC Wimbledon

FA CUP Fourth qualifying round (southern): Whitehawk v Poole Town, Maidenhead v Woking, Basingstoke v Torquay, Grays v Welling, Boreham Wood v AFC Hornchurch, Wealdstone v Bognor Regis, Didcot Town v Brentwood, Eastbourne Borough v Dover Athletic, Chesham Utd v Enfield, Staines v Gloucester City, Aldershot v Sutton Utd, Bromley v Eastleigh, Margate v Forest Green, Braintree v Harlow, Havant v Cheltenham, Chippenham v Maidstone, St Albans City v Weston-super-Mare.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Bishops Cleeve v Darford, Chelmsford v Ebbsfleet, Hemel Hempstead v Concord, Maidstone v Maidenhead, Margate v Bath City, St Albans v Gosport Borough, Sutton v Oxford City.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division: Bedworth v Bideford, Biggleswade v Chippenham, Cirencester v Dunstable, Hungerford v Histon, Kettering v Chesham, Paulton v Leamington, Redditch v Dorchester, Slough v Cambridge City, St Neots v Merthyr, Stratford v Frome, Weymouth v Kings Lynn.

Division One South & West: AFC Totton v Banbury, Bashley v Tiverton, Bridgwater v Marlborough, Cinderford v North Leigh, Didcot v Wimborne, Evesham v Burnham, Slimbridge v Mangotsfield, Taunton v Shortwood, Wantage v Larkhall, Winchester City v Bishops Cleeve, Yale v Swindon Supermarine.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE Premier Division: Alresford v Hamworthy Utd, Andover v Lymington, Cowes v Moneyfields, Fareham v Newport IOW, Fawley v Bemerton HH, Folland v Brockenhurst, Salisbury v Blackfield, Sholing v Horndean, Team Solent v Whitchurch, Verwood v Bournemouth Poppies.

Division One: Andover NS v Pewsey, Downton v Portland, East Cowes v New Milton, Fleet Spurs v AFC Stoneham, Hythe & Dibden v Romsey, Ringwood v Amesbury, Tadley C v Christchurch, Totton & Eling v Laverstock, US Portsmouth v Alton Town.

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP Second round: Southsea Utd v Baffins Milton Rovers.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE Second round: Andover Lions v Paulsgrove, Burridge AFC v Overton, Bush Hill v Four Marks, Infinity v Headley, Liphook v Hamble, Michelmersh v Winchester Castle, Otterbourne v Liss.

Premier Division: Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers, Locks Heath v Colden Common, Stockbridge v QK Southampton. Division One: AFC Petersfield v Lyndhurst, Broughton v Netley Central, Upham v Sway.

Non league FOOTBALL



Brett Ormerod in his Saints days

Former Saint still on form in English eighth tier

FORMER Saints striker Brett Ormerod is still banging in the goals at the age of 38.

Ormerod, who has scored in all four divisions of English football, now plies his trade for Bamber Bridge of the Northern League Division One North.

And he showed he is still as deadly as ever in front of goal, scoring twice as The Brig saw off Kettering Town 3-2 in their Emirates FA Cup third

qualifying round replay.

Bamber Bridge now travel to National League North outfit Brackley Town next Saturday, October 24, to battle it out for a place in the first round proper.

● FORMER Saints coach and Leeds United manager Dave Hockaday has been appointed head coach of Kidderminster Harriers.

The 57-year-old succeeds Gary

Whild who left the National League basement boys last month.

Hockaday, who spent two years at Saints and went on to manage Forest Green Rovers in the Conference National, was sacked after only six games and 70 days in charge of Sky Bet Championship club Leeds in August last year.

He has since worked for Swindon Supermarine of the Southern One South & West, and Coventry City.

Take that... Hawks bite back with £10k offer for Bennett

Local sides are at odds after rival bids for strikers

HAVANT & Waterlooville have made what looks like a tit-for-tat £10,000 bid for Gosport Borough's all-time leading marksman Justin Bennett.

It comes a week after Borough manager Alex Pike lodged a £7,500 offer for the Hawks' ex-Saints striker Matt Paterson who shared a free-scoring partnership with Bennett at Gosport last term before returning to Westleigh Park on a free transfer during the summer, *writes Wendy Gee*.

The Hawks say they have funded their five-figure bid for ex-Andover and Eastleigh man Bennett from their FA Cup run which has taken them past Larkhall Athletic and Aveley into the fourth qualifying round of the competition.

Gosport, meanwhile, have let it be known that they have extra money in the transfer kitty thanks to sponsorship from local company Aerial Direct.

There is no love lost between the National League South neighbours and when Borough made their bid for Paterson, it got short shrift from the Hawks chairman Derek Pope who insisted: "I wouldn't sell him to Gosport, even if they offered £100,000."

The prolific Bennett won the Conference South Golden Boot award last season and is firing on all cylinders again this term with 11 league goals.

Havant boss Lee Bradbury is quoted on the H&W website saying: "It's a no-brainer for me to want somebody of Justin's goal scoring record who lives local to the club."

But Gosport chairman Mark Hook said: "It won't happen. I think it is just the Hawks playing mind games and it shows how desperate they are."

Borough's interest in Paterson follows a failed attempt to sign Winchester City's master marksman Warren Bentley.



Havant & Waterlooville have made a £10,000 bid for Justin Bennett, left.

That too got under the skin of the club in question with Winchester boss Paul Masters none too impressed with Pike publicly claiming City had initially valued Bentley at £5,000 and then put the price up.

Bentley himself confirmed that it was his wish to stay at City and Masters said: "I'm disappointed with

what Alex put in the Portsmouth paper. I don't think he needed to say that. To say we turned down their offer is not strictly true. There's no-one standing in Warren's way."

Winchester's director of football Dave Malone then took to the Winchester club's online forum to say he found it "crass" that Pike had pub-

licly revealed his version of events.

He said: "The truth of the matter is that their derisory offer was not acceptable to the club – but, more importantly, Warren decided that such a move was not for him in any case. We would have preferred that to be the end of the matter – but Mr Pike decided otherwise."

Wait for Costello

WIMBORNE Town's Adam Costello is facing up to three months on the sidelines.

The former Christchurch centre-back suffered torn knee cartilage during the Magpies' 3-1 FA Trophy defeat by Larkhall Athletic.

Costello, 25, was due to discover this week whether he needs an operation on his damaged medial meniscus, but he is hoping he can avoid going under the knife.

"My knee still has good movement and isn't locking so, fingers crossed, I don't need surgery," he said.

"I could be looking at anything from four to 12 weeks out, which is annoying, but you have to look at the positives. It could have been a lot worse if my ligaments had been torn.

"I just have to get through the rehab properly and come back stronger."

Dillon sits out start

CHRIS Dillon, one of Eastleigh's 2013/14 Conference South-winning heroes, has had a frustrating start to the season with Southern Premier outfit Dorchester Town.

Injuries have plagued the central defender since the Magpies squad returned for training in the summer.

First he was struck down by a knee problem, which blighted his preparation for the new term, and in recent weeks he has been nursing a groin tear.

"It's been frustrating but the team's done superbly without me," he said.

Dillon made a comeback as a 73rd-minute substitute on Tuesday, but could not spare the Magpies a 3-1 Red Insure Cup defeat at the hands of Dorset rivals Poole Town.

● **BASINGSTOKE Town** have completed works on a drainage improvement project thanks to a £4,416 grant from the Premier League.

The funding, awarded through the Football Stadium Improvement Fund (FSIF), has enabled the club to complete important repair work to the drainage at The Camrose. It is hoped that fewer games will be postponed due to waterlogging as a result.

Rafi Razzak, chairman of the National League South, said: "The club are grateful to have been awarded a grant enabling the completion of the work. To be awarded a grant covering 50 per cent of the cost is excellent."

Non league FOOTBALL



Gee follows Rutherford out of Moneyfields dug-out

THERE was never any chance of Graeme Gee staying on at Moneyfields once Miles Rutherford had decided to quit.

Gee, Rutherford's trusty right-hand man, has family links to the Dover Road club where his father, Micky, once managed.

But the former Bashley, Newport IoW and Brockenhurst midfielder, pictured left, felt it was only right to follow the manager out of the door.

"I went the same time as Miles. We do it as a pair," said Gee.

"To be fair, Miles had been thinking about going for three or four weeks, it wasn't just off the back of the Portchester result (a 5-1 defeat).

"He had loads of things going through his head and felt the time was right to go.

"His son, Alfie, plays for Bognor and he wants to go and watch him, plus he felt the club needed someone new to make them a bit more competitive."

Having moulded Moneyfields into potential title contenders in recent seasons, Rutherford and Gee had been

struggling to get the best out of the players this term.

Former Horndean boss Dave Carter has replaced Rutherford at the Moneyfields helm, while Gee's number two role is now occupied by one of his old Bashley teammates, Mat Jones.

Asked what the future holds for himself and Rutherford, Gee said: "We'll probably sit back and watch a bit of football for now.

"Maybe next year we'll pick something up. It depends if Miles is in demand anywhere."



Geoff Dunn

Best club of month

GEOFF Dunn's new club AFC Portchester have been named Sydenhams Premier Division club-of-the-month for September.

Former Winchester City bright spark Dunn made his first start for the Royals last Saturday in the absence of front pair Alex Baldacchino and Jason Parish.

It looked like being a winning debut for ex-Eastleigh and Lymington Town man with Portchester 2-1 up in the final seconds against Andover Town at the Portway Stadium.

But, with three minutes of stoppage time gone, Bobby Swayne dramatically salvaged a 2-2 draw.

Sam Pekun had opened the scoring on 19 minutes for Andover but, after Luke Sweeney had headed home a free-kick to level on the half-hour, Portchester took the lead through Gary Moody five minutes after the break.

It stayed that way until the very last knockings when Swayne cashed in with a free header from a corner.

Dunn's departure from Winchester was disappointing for the Southern One South & West club, but they fully understood his reasons for going.

Director of football Dave Malone said: "Geoff has become frustrated at not being able to hold down a regular starting place at The Denplan and feels that playing at the lower-level Wessex League will give him greater opportunities to play in his favoured position.

"I have known Geoff for several years and he is one of the nicest young men you could meet. He deserves to succeed and we will watch his progress with interest."

Dunn scored his first goal for Portchester on Wednesday in a 2-0 Sydenhams Premier win at Verwood.

Louis Castles was also on target as the Royals trimmed the gap on league leaders Salisbury to four points.

* The Sydenhams One club-of-the-month award has gone to US Portsmouth

Cuss not 'untouchable' after gaining shares at Wimborne

Ken Stewart says Town's boss can still get chopped

CHAIRMAN Ken Stewart insists Steve Cuss' acquisition of a controlling interest in Wimborne Town has not made him 'unsackable' as team manager.

Former Magpies chairman Paul Miller has handed Cuss his 29.93 per cent share in Parmiter Holdings, the parent company which owns 77 per cent of Wimborne Town Football Club Limited, writes Andy Mitchell.

Cuss also replaced Miller as the sole director of Parmiter Holdings on July 1, a switch that was published on the Companies House website on Thursday of last week.

Last Saturday's 3-2 home defeat to Marlow left the Cuthbury outfit with seven points from 10 games, out of both FA competitions and the Red Insure Cup and with only goal difference keeping them out of the Southern League Division One South & West relegation zone.

Quizzed on Cuss' level of control, Stewart told The Pink's sister paper The (Bournemouth) Daily Echo: "It is true that in the past few weeks, Paul Miller has signed over his shares to Steve as a gift.

"I know the obvious point people will make is 'he can't get sacked', but Steve knows as well as I do how things are and will be the first to admit it. If he feels it is time for him to go he will be the first to tell us.

"We have never sacked a manager for poor results unless we are near the bottom, but it is early days and we're not going to press any panic buttons yet.

"We are fully behind Steve and that is not like the old cliché of a chairman backing a manager before sacking him the following week."

Writing in the club programme this week, Cuss revealed he had offered to



Wimborne manager Steve Cuss.

resign as manager recently, adding: "They, the board, met to discuss this and they all wanted me to carry on.

"With the respect I have for the board, I will continue to do my very best as manager of Wimborne Town.

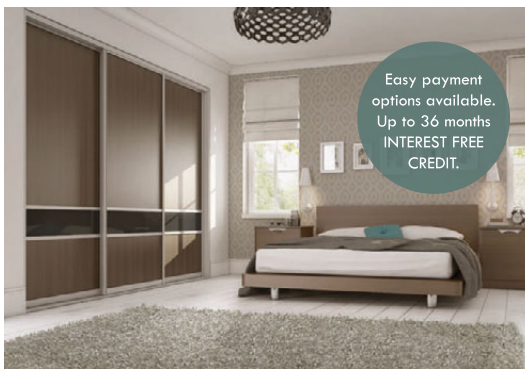
"I do now own the shares given to me by the previous chairman, which was announced at the last fans' forum, but I have no desire to control the club.

"The board, which I am on to only assist, will continue to make joint decisions to the benefit of the club. The shares will remain with me until the board decide which is the best place for these shares and with which people."

WIMBORNE Town striker Mark Gamble could miss the rest of the season due to a suspected fracture and ligament damage to his foot.

Gamble, who has 11 goals from 14 appearances in all competitions this season, was stretched off in Tuesday's Southern League Cup exit to Weymouth.

The Cuthbury hotshot has also displaced two bones in his foot and must wait for the swelling to subside before discovering on Monday whether he has snapped the ligament, which could result in a year-long lay-off.



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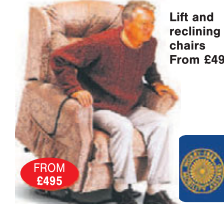
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Non league FOOTBALL

Club spirit on the rise after fantastic cup run



Brookenhurst celebrate Mark Barker's goal against Wealdstone.

Team's unity pleases boss

MANAGER Pat McManus referred to them as "a team of strangers more or less put together in two months."

But there was nothing remotely makeshift about Brookenhurst – either on or off the park – as the FA Cup sprinkled its stardust around Grigg Lane last Saturday, writes Wendy Gee.

Irrespective of the eventual 5-1 scoreline that was exaggerated by two stoppage-time goals from National League South visitors Wealdstone – one a jaw-dropping strike from inside the visitors' own half – the Badgers players

did the Wessex League proud against their three leagues higher opponents.

And, off the pitch, chairman Stan Reid and Brock's growing band of helpers and sponsors ensured that the spruced-up New Forest club made the most of being in the FA Cup spotlight.

Even before you crossed the cattle grid into the ground, you couldn't miss the giant banners in the village streets advertising the biggest match in the club's recent history.

Staff at the local pub, The Foresters Arms, sported club T-shirts, while Brock's own bar was alive with the singing and banter that make FA Cup days like this so special.

Club scarves and Badgers flags were waved by the supporters of the future, while those with longer memories were treated to the sight of Saints '76 hero Jim Steele be-

ing introduced to the teams before kick-off.

It marked an incredible transformation for the Sydenhams Premier outfit who lost the bulk of last season's players during the summer – and almost their manager too.

"I had a difference of opinion with the previous chairman and I was convinced to come back," recalled McManus.

"The new chairman, Stan Reid, has been great for us – the difference around the place is chalk and cheese.

"The ground is not just a place where the team comes to play anymore, the commercial activities have been expanded and we've got that ambition.

"I like what the chairman stands for and this place has got so much potential without chucking thousands of pounds into it.

"It's a completely new side – we've only got one player [skipper Mark Barker] from last year.

"We've done it on a shoe-string budget and for it to come together as it has, with the players still learning about each other, is just phenomenal.

"They've looked after the players here with bonuses during the FA Cup run, but it's not about the money.

"Everyone's here to enjoy themselves and we're going to develop players.

"That's the object.

"This team will only get better."

Prior to the Wealdstone match, Brock had seen off Fareham Town, Southern League duo Yate Town and Mangotsfield United, and AFC Portchester to reach the third qualifying round for the fourth time in their history.



Mark Barker

Home comforts suiting Barker at the Badgers despite lofty interest

BROCKENHURST'S captain marvel Mark Barker looked well at home in National League South company last Saturday – and said he felt pretty comfortable too.

The Badgers' longest-serving player was one of the stand-out performers on show as the magic of the FA Cup gripped Grigg Lane, writes Wendy Gee.

Somewhat gallingly for the Sydenhams Premier underdogs, Wealdstone ultimately ran out 5-1 winners which was not a true reflection of the game.

Yes, the north Londoners were good value for a place in the fourth qualifying round, but Brock and loyal clubman Barker in particular deserved more than to be on the end of what, on paper at least, was a hefty defeat.

At half-time, hope had shone brightly for the New Forest club with Barker cancelling out an early headed opener by giant targetman Jefferson Louis.

His exquisite left-foot strike from 20 yards took a nick off a defender's head en route to the far, top corner, but the Millbrook-based wideman was not going to let something as trivial as a deflection take the gloss off a memorable moment.

"It was still going in," smiled the player affectionately known as 'Sparky.'

"It was an instinctive thing for me. I was faced with a defender, I shifted the ball to the right and just hit it with my left foot.

"Obviously it was a bit nerve-racking going into the game with them being from a higher league, but I felt comfortable out there.

"Me and Pat (McManus,

manager) went to watch Wealdstone in their replay against Biggleswade and Jefferson Louis was a handful that night. But I thought we coped quite well with him once we knew what he was about.

"It's been a good FA Cup run for us and although we're disappointed with the result, it had to come to an end at some point. Now that's out of the way we've got to concentrate on trying to push up the league."

So far Brock's league form has paled in comparison to the Cup heroics that put paid to Fareham Town, Yate Town, Mangotsfield United and AFC Portchester before Wealdstone's big hitters rolled up at Grigg Lane.

They have banked just eight points from as many Sydenhams Premier games, leaving them a long way adrift of league leaders Salisbury who did their best to try and sign Barker earlier in the campaign.

Blackfield & Langley also flirted with taking him to Gang Warily, but the 25-year-old mobile mechanic has no regrets about snubbing his suitors.

Now in his eighth season with Brookenhurst and still loving life as a Badger, the former Oaklands student said: "I'm happy where I am just enjoying my football.

"I don't want to go to another side and just sit on the bench.

"Everyone wants to play higher, but Salisbury are in the same league as we are. I'd like to go up to a real high level if I could, but I don't know if I'm good enough."

Non league FOOTBALL



Alan Connell

Connell eager to help Dolphins into FA Cup proper

PLAYING in the proper rounds of the world's oldest cup competition has been a matter of course for ex-AFC Bournemouth striker Alan Connell across more than a decade in the professional game.

But the 32-year-old is adamant that the pursuit of FA Cup glory in the earlier rounds with non-League Poole Town is not lost on him.

Connell, part of the Dolphins side that won 2-0 at Hastings United last Saturday to book their ticket to the fourth qualifying round courtesy of Jamie Whisken and Marvin Brooks, said: "I was fortunate enough to be involved in some big games in my career. I appreciate those times to this day and, of course, you always want more."

"Whatever the occasion, I have always taken it in. I have had some really good times in football and some really bad

ones along the way too but, at this stage, I do try to enjoy every good moment.

"I have never taken anything for granted and, being around the club, you understand just how much it would mean if we could get to the first round and get a good draw. It could set up the club financially and put it on the map."

Connell's tireless running in the lone striker's role aided Poole's cause at Hastings and, while it was not one for the scrapbook, the summer recruit declared himself content with the outcome.

"It was a good team effort," he said. "It wasn't particularly enjoyable to play in and probably not enjoyable to watch."

"That said, I thought we were very professional in the way we went about things, we worked hard and didn't look threatened."

Connell's start at Pilot Field was only

his third for the Dolphins, but he believes more opportunities will present themselves as the season goes on.

He said: "I'm really enjoying it and delighted to do well in the FA Cup while getting ourselves right near the top of the league."

Connell's willing display at Hastings came on the back of his first goal for the Dolphins, a penalty with 12 minutes to play in a 2-1 Southern Premier victory over Paulton Rovers.

"It was a big moment because the game was 1-1 and not long left," he said. "There is a pressure that comes with taking a penalty, but I'm always up for it. "It was nice to get that first goal and I want to kick on now."

"I feel like I have contributed and made a few goals. I am just here to do my best as and when called upon."

FA looking to appoint four new staff to bring in refs

THE Hampshire FA is seeking to recruit four referee appointment secretaries which have become vacant.

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Jubilant Supermarine sink 'disappointing' Winchester

Top early season form makes City target for teams

IT SAYS something about Winchester City's impact on the Southern One South & West that Swindon Supermarine boss Dave Webb was so jubilant to beat them last Saturday.

The result may have gone against Paul Masters' men, who were downed by a Bradley Gray brace in a 2-1 defeat in Wiltshire, but City have clearly established themselves as one of the teams to beat since their promotion from the Wessex ranks last season, *writes Wendy Gee*.

Supermarine had a painful score to settle, having been dumped out of the FA Cup 4-0 by Winchester a month earlier, and must have feared the worst when Dan Cann headed the visitors into an 11th-minute lead from Danny King's corner.

But former Salisbury City man Gray equalised eight minutes later from a cross by ex-Saints Academy youngster Oli Bailey and on 64 minutes City conceded a second when Ryan Stanners set up Gray to slot home the winner.

A clearly overjoyed Webb said: "This win is for the chairman [Jez Webb] and everyone else that puts so much hard work into this football club."

"I've always said that 4-0 flattered them in the FA Cup and that they just took their opportunities on the day, but we deserved it this time and it's a very good result."

"We still played 4-4-2, which was the same as them, but we had a game



Dan Cann, right, netted the opener against Swindon Supermarine.

plan to make the game narrow and limit the space for their attacking options.

"I know Bradley Gray will get the accolades after scoring two fantastic goals, but I thought every single player was superb out there."

Winchester boss Paul Masters had a somewhat different take on the game, labelling it "flat".

"It was disappointing," he said.

"They had chances, we had chances, but the game was flat if I'm honest."

"Neither team played to their best of their ability."

"Dan Cann put us in front with a

header, but then it just petered out."

Masters, though, agreed with Webb's assessment that the FA Cup wasn't really a 4-0 game.

"They were decent that day and had a chance to go one up," he recalled.

"The lad Gray played well. I'd seen him against Sholing before the FA Cup game and he was the best player on the pitch."

Having started the season well, Winchester have slowed down with last Saturday's defeat leaving them seven points adrift of Supermarine.

"Maybe too many people have been getting carried away," ventured Mas-

ters. "The higher you go, the more important it is to play to that level and this time we fell below it."

"As I've said before, you can get away with it in the Wessex League, but not in the Southern League."

"The lads are learning very quickly that they've got to be 100 per cent in every game."

For Supermarine, it was a great start to October, but Webb believes next month will separate the men from the boys.

"I think in November you begin to really see which are the top sides and we want to still be in the mix."

Non league FOOTBALL



Blackfield boss rues missed chances in cup

BLACKFIELD & Langley boss Glenn Howes was left to reflect on the one that got away after last Saturday's slender 1-0 FA Cup defeat at home to Maidenhead United.

A solitary second-half strike by ex-Eastleigh man Ben Wright, pictured left, ultimately put paid to the Watersiders' hopes of reaching the fourth qualifying round for the second time in their history.

Given that Maidenhead ply their trade three tiers higher in the National League South, it was always going to be a tall order for Howes' Sydenhams Premier underdogs.

But the key to any Cup giant-killing is to make sure that, when an opportunity presents itself, you grab it. And, alas for Blackfield, they didn't.

Rico Wilson surrendered a presentable chance as early as the second minute, Josh Buck planted a header over the bar and Wilson missed another late on.

"We're very despondent. As a whole, we deserved a little bit more out of the game," said Howes.

"We had two very good chances in the first half and, even in the second, we created another good one. On another day we could have converted them."

Finishing apart, Howes felt his side had carried out their instructions to the letter.

"Credit where credit is due. We get little preparation time, but the players listened to their instructions.

"We screened their front two (Wright and Jake Reid), used

the width of the pitch and, when we went wide, we had them worried."

Maidenhead boss Alan Devonshire, an FA Cup winner with West Ham United, was pleased to have safely negotiated a "potential banana skin" against a Blackfield side who thrashed Wimborne Town 6-1 in the previous round.

"It was a big, bumpy pitch, but we came through unscathed thanks to Ben Wright," he smiled.

"Blackfield made it tough for us as we knew they would.

"They are a good side with lots of confidence on the back of all the goals they've scored this season."

Next up for the Magpies is a tricky home tie against National League outfit Woking in the final qualifying round.

Claridge's Salisbury win 6-1 in cup game

LEAGUE leaders Salisbury took a day off from Sydenhams Premier action last weekend to win 6-1 away at Wroughton in the Wiltshire Senior Cup.

Robbie Matthews scored twice for Steve Claridge's men, opening the scoring with a volley from ex-Saint Dan Demkiv's cross and later netting a bullet header.

Brandon Munday, Tom Whelan, Eddie Perrett and ex-Follands and Sholing frontman Ashley Jarvis were also on target for the Whites.

Despite the heavy defeat, Wiltshire League outfit Wroughton thoroughly enjoyed the experience of hosting the born-again Whites.

The tie was switched to Highworth Town's Elms ground to cater for the visit of the Sydenhams Premier giants whose home gates average more than 700.

"We didn't have as much of a bumper crowd as we thought we might, it was around 160," said Wroughton chairman Kevin Cook.

"But we're used to playing in front of a man and his dog – and sometimes he forgets the dog!"

"The differences between the two teams were huge. They turned up and seemed to have more coaches than we had players.

"Whilst it was 0-0 in the first half there wasn't too much in it, but the heads went down when a few goals went in.

"But it was all about enjoying it. We had a couple of 16-year-olds in the squad today and I told them before the game to enjoy it because they'll hopefully remember playing against these guys for a long time.

"Steve Claridge was very gracious about us. He said 'well done' to us for not giving up and it was nice to get that compliment."

Graham Kemp's Bemerton Heath Harlequins scraped through to the second round 2-1 after extra time at Devizes, thanks to Russell Cook and Tom Jeffes.

The day's biggest scorers were Sholing's upcoming FA Vase visitors Laverstock & Ford who thrashed Shrewton 9-0.

Four-goal Russell Jones led the rout, backed by Christian Hurst (2), Adam Jones, Archie Lovegrove and an own goal.

Lavvy are due to visit Sholing's Portsmouth Road ground in the Vase first round proper on Saturday, October 31.

Carter witnesses nightmare as he takes Moneys position

New manager sees thrashing by Salisbury

SALISBURY are going to be tough enough to catch in the Sydenhams Premier title race without being handed victory on a plate.

Steve Claridge's league leaders profited from an unexpected 6-1 windfall at Moneyfields on Tuesday as the home side went into disciplinary meltdown at Dover Road.

Moneys had three players sent-off, making disastrous viewing for new boss Dave Carter who officially took over the next day after upping sticks from Horndean.

Two-goal Whites skipper Kane O'Keefe wiped out Jake Raine's early lead for Moneys and, at that stage, Steve Claridge's table-toppers still had work to do in a scrappy game.

But as discipline deserted the hosts, Salisbury cashed in with a runaway victory with Sam Wilson, Tom Whelan, Ashley Jarvis and George Colson all scoring.

Whites vice-chairman Ian Ridley summed up the night's events in a tweet, saying: "Struggle at first, comfortable in the end as Moneys finish with 8 men, 3 sent off."

Conor Bailey was the first

Moneys player dismissed, for a second yellow at 2-1 and before long, Tom Chapman had seen straight red for a tackle.

To compound the misery, debut-making full-back Dan Woodward, who followed Carter across from Five Heads Park, got his marching orders in the final minute for kicking the ball away.

Carter, a Horndean man for seven years, was announced as Moneyfields' new boss just days after Miles Rutherford had departed.

Moneyfields' chairman Paul Gregory said that losing Rutherford was like "losing my right arm", but is confident Carter is the right successor.

"Dave has a good knowledge of our league and is capable of attracting good players to the club," he said.

Carter, who has taken his right-hand man Mat Jones with him to Dover Road, said it was a hard decision to leave the Deans. But, given Moneyfields' facilities and ambition, he felt it was too good an opportunity to miss.

Until news of Carter's switch to Moneyfields was announced, Horndean had been the only unbeaten side in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

But that all changed last Saturday when they became the latest victims of Team Solent's recent rise to prominence, losing 3-1 at Test Park.

Anyone interested in the Deans' managerial vacancy is urged to contact chairman David Sagar at horndeandfc48@gmail.com.



Dan Woodward saw red on debut.

Non league FOOTBALL



Moses Emmanuel

Spitfires must shoot down National League top gun

THE FA Cup fourth-round qualifying draw has dealt Eastleigh the task of suppressing one of the country's in-form strikers.

The Spitfires will travel to Bromley next Saturday for a tie that will pitch them into battle with Moses Emmanuel, formerly Moses Ademola.

The 26 year-old is currently the National League's leading scorer, contributing 13 of the 37 goals that the fifth-placed Ravens have struck in their debut campaign in non-league's top-tier.

It is a remarkable upturn in fortunes for Emmanuel, who spent four months with the Spitfires in 2012.

Signed by former boss Ian Baird, Ademola sparkled only fleetingly at the Silverlake, before moving on to Dover soon after Richard Hill took over.

After two seasons at the Crabble Ground, the former Woking man switched to Bromley, where he has prospered like never before.

The club's 15-goal leading marksman as they won last season's Conference

South title, Emmanuel is now flourishing in the National League.

At the back, Bromley have shipped 28 goals in 17 league outings. They have been involved in some high-scoring encounters, most notably a barmy 7-3 win at Torquay when Emmanuel bagged a treble.

Victory at the ground, where a 2-1 win in April 2014 effectively sealed Eastleigh's own Conference South crown, would put Todd's men into the competition's first-round proper.

Gosport's cup exit

ALEX PIKE reckoned the referee had "been played like an old violin" as nine-man Gosport Borough exited the FA Cup on a controversial Tuesday night at Privett Park.

Having seemingly done the hard job of returning from National League South rivals Whitehawk with a 2-2 draw on Saturday, Gosport looked set fair for a fourth qualifying round showdown with Poole Town when George Barker gave them a fifth-minute replay lead.

Both sides then had a player sent off with Dan Wooden the first to go for Gosport before Whitehawk's Nick Arnold saw red for taking out Justin Bennett.

Jake Robinson's deflected shot drew the visitors level soon after the break and Borough's hopes effectively ended when Bennett was dismissed for a second bookable offence with 18 minutes of normal time to go.

The 10-man Hawks made nine-man Gosport pay in the 82nd minute when ex-Brighton striker Robinson curved in a free-kick to clinch it 2-1 for the visitors.

On a night packed with talking points, Wooden's straight red was probably the most contentious.

He was given his marching orders for apparent retaliation after the Hawks' Scott Neilson appeared to have grabbed the Gosport man in a delicate place.

Pike, pictured, said afterwards: "This referee has been played like an old violin."

"Whitehawk are a team full of ex-pros and when the referee walked off the field he didn't even know he'd been played."

"You just hope you've got a strong referee that can cope with it and he couldn't."

"Their lad stamped on his foot and then grabbed him by the private parts."

"If there was movement towards him from Dan, it's because he'd been grabbed."

"The referee then told my players: 'If I got it wrong, I apologise.'"

"I'm sorry, but that's not good enough."

"The revenue stream from the FA Cup is important and, thanks to the ref, that revenue stream has been stopped."

Steve King's Whitehawk now host Poole Town in the fourth qualifying round next Saturday.

Having banked £7,500 for Tuesday's win, they stand to make another £12,500 if they can beat the Southern Premier promotion hopefuls.

Player-boss Taylor gives his students a lesson in scoring

Super-sub James grabs a brace in defence of cup

PLAYER-manager James Taylor taught his Students a lesson in finishing as Team Solent opened their defence of the Southampton Senior Cup with a 2-1 win over Hampshire Premier high-fliers Otterbourne on Monday.

Taylor brought himself off the bench when Mark Jordan took a knock on the ankle and netted a 49th-minute diving header from Jim Orvis's cross, writes Wendy Gee.

Dan Strange hit back for the Otters on 72 minutes, but Taylor had the last word six minutes later, pouncing at the back stick after Matt Sheedy's cross had deflected into his path.

It was Taylor's fifth goal of the season for his Southampton Solent University charges – all of them scored as a substitute. Not bad for someone who turns 41 next month!

"We were a few short, so I had to go on. I don't mind doing it – but the next day's interesting!" he laughed.

Asked how long he would keep donning his boots, the super-fit former England semi-pro international said: "If everyone's around I won't play, but I enjoy making an appearance now and again and I'll keep going as long as I can."

Monday's win was Solent's fifth on the bounce in league and cup and, just like last year, there are signs that they will get stronger as the season progresses.

Winger/midfielder Ryan Heath is back in the fold having missed the bulk of last season with a stomach complaint and Taylor has swooped to bring back muscular attacker Tobi Adekunle from Sydenhams Premier rivals Sholing.

Adekunle has started just three games for the Boatmen this season and has generally been used as an impact player from the bench.

"He's been a student at Solent for a



Tobi Adekunle has returned to Team Solent from Premier rivals Sholing.

couple of years now and played for us at the start of last season," said Taylor. He played against Horndean on Saturday (a 3-1 league win) and did well. He's a good player.

"I think Sholing mainly used him out wide, but we'll probably use him up top through the centre. He wasn't signed on in time to play in the Senior Cup on Monday but he'll be able to play in the next round."

Two more Jesse Waller-Lassen

goals – the second a penalty – helped Solent to victory over managerless Horndean at Test Park on Saturday.

Prior to team boss Dave Carter's departure to Moneyfields, the Deans had boasted the league's only unbeaten record. But Waller-Lassen's brace and one from defender Pip Nolan put the fast-starting Students in 3-0 command inside 20 minutes.

Robbie Tambling netted for Horn-



City of Southampton Sunday League

Rovers up anchor and move off bottom with first victory

LANDGUARD Rovers recorded their first win of the season with a 4-2 win over Bush Hill in the City of Southampton Sunday League.

Tunde Akintolu (2), Michael Seaforth and Ruben Martinez scored as the wait of four games without a Premier Division point was ended in style, *writes JONATHAN MATON.*

Mo Melo and Stef Murray replied for Bush Hill as Rovers leapfrogged their opponents into second bottom.

Hamble Roll Call caned table toppers Sholing United 7-2 with goals from Daniel Diaper (3), Charlie Hinge (2), Patrick Goode and Sean Tollervey.

Bobby Lamb and Greg Ainsworth replied.

Remarkable

Four goals from Joe Williams was enough to take Hedge End Athletic off the foot of the Senior Division One table and up into sixth.

Trailing 3-1 at home to Bitterne RBL at half time, Williams kick-started a remarkable turnaround as his side won 5-4. Nick Turner also netted while Brett Withey (3) and Jordan Withey replied.

Lee Bore took his tally to seven in two games with a brace as Itchen Saints routed Testlands 8-0.

Bore (2) and AJ Cashmore (2) inflicted misery on a depleted Testlands side while Cain Prentice, Rich Warner, Aiden Johnson and Jay Mandair also netted for an Itchen side who sit nine points clear at the top.

Brad Snelling netted twice as Sky Blues drew 2-2 with RS Nomansland, for whom Nick Rogerson went to hospital with a suspected broken leg. Brett Hall and Ruben Sampaio netted for Nomansland.

Romped

Lokomotiv Eastleigh romped to a 9-2 win over Test Valley Spartans in Junior Division 1.

Craig Howells, Ben Johnson and Danny Mead all scored twice with Louis Baldacchino, Craig Edwards and Shandip Pun also netting.

Scott Dyer and Adam Johnson replied for a Spartans side who trailed 8-1 at half-time.

Goals from Joe Connery (2) Nick Simpkins and Justyn Penfold gave Chamberlayne Athletic a 4-0 win against AFC Bishopstoke.

A Lee Portman hat-trick helped AFC Riverside to a 5-0 win over AFC Portswood, Sam Robson and Mike Collins also netting.

Bishops defeated C.D.A 3-2 away from home with goals from Kevin Stone (2) and Louis Dufield. Aaron Sohal and Louis Richardson replied.

Ice Sports continued their encour-



Brad Snelling, left, scored twice for Sky Blues in their draw with Nomansland.

aging start to the Junior Division Two season.

Jason Gradidge netted a brace and Michael Graham and Luke Fowler scored in a 4-0 home win over AFC Southbrook.

Ice Sports are now six points clear at the top of the table.

Eastpoint came from 0-2 down to draw 3-3 with Curbridge.

James Drewery and Sam Handley had put Curbridge in control, and though Jack Buss added a third James Erskine (2) and Ben Williams inspired Eastpoint to earn a share of the spoils.

Ben Foster (2) and Dan Meader gave

Marchwood Rangers a 3-2 win over Abshot, Liam White twice replying.

Aldermoor United's fifth straight loss came with a 4-1 defeat by AFC Dorchester. Joe Lily (2), Bradley Dalton and Joe Clist netted with Stephen Couchman replying.

Broken finger

Two early goals from Ash Dallimore and Mike Church gave Whiteheart United a 3-1 victory over Durlay in Junior Division Three.

Adam Read replied for Durlay.

Phillip Dibigbo and Daniel Runnells both scored twice in King George's 2-2 draw with Portside.

Mottisfont ran out 3-1 victors over Royal Marine.

Jake Cornwell-Philpott, Jack Salter and Ross Man all scored during a game where Marine goalkeeper Lee Jeffrey went to hospital with a broken finger.

Ben Hook found the net for the home side.

Mert Iltemis' two goals were enough for Unity to edge past Bridge Manor in Junior Division 5.

Unaka Shaquille had put the visitors ahead at half time.

Brace not enough to avoid loss

A RAPID double 10 minutes before half time from Ben Rowe proved too early for A.F.C Hedge End Town as they lost 3-2 to AFC Carnival in the Charlie Gooden Cup first round.

Pawel Burdzy and Joe Proctor (2) scored for the winners.

A.F.C Spitfires beat J.S.C 4-3 with goals from David Wrezel (2), Martin Wilson and Joey Harkett-Burgess.

A Craig Peake hat-trick helped Bannister Park progress with a 3-2 win over Itchen Hawks, brothers Jack and Josh Mitchell getting the goals in reply.

Steve Jackson fired a hat-trick as Windsor caned Burridge A.F.C 5-0, Dan Plumley adding the other two goals.

Shock win

CHAMBERLAYNE Athletic Reserves of Junior Division 6 dumped out mid-table Division 4 side Portswood 5-2.

Mitch Turley (2), Sam Wyeth, Joe Wilson and an own goal were on target.

Forest Home beat F.C Woolston 3-0 with Joshua Bond, Daniel Tonkins and an own goal making up their tally.

Fawley R.B.L Reserves beat Portswood United Reserves 5-2 after extra time. Alex Waterman (2), Neil Darby, Jake Voller and Philly Bryan netted, with Braiden Hamilton (2) netting the goals for Portswood replying.

Seven up

HUNTERS Inn belted five goals in extra time to race to a 7-2 victory over Nursling - Ash McGimpsey (2), Henry Rule, Sam Draycott, Rob Pearce, Albert Broomfield and Dan Hansford all netted goals.

Callum Skipp (2) got the goals in reply.

Lyndhurst J.F.C caned Otter Sunday 5-0 with Ben Bertram, Craig Stickland, Kane Coundley and Ali Pugi (2) on target.

Joe treble

FIVE first half goals from Sholing Monks saw them lead 5-2 at half-time at Riverside Rangers - and that is how it stayed.

Joe Glasspool (3), Jason Long and an own goal scored, with Ben Hatcher (2) replying.

Sporting Compass defeated St. Minions 5-1 with goals from Jake Wilkes (2), Martin Rogers (2) and Harry Williams.

Peter Kerr scored the consolation goals for St. Minions.

Perfect record maintained by Saints' Under-13s girls

SOUTHAMPTON Saints G&L FC's Under-13s made it five wins from five in the Winchester & District League with a 6-2 home victory against New Milton Under-14s.

Larissa White added the finishing touch to Lucy Nightingale's free kick to put Saints ahead on 14 minutes and it was 2-0 just a few minutes later when the visitors' 'keeper carried Francesca Manson's corner over the line.

The hosts made it 3-0 when new signing Amy Watson finished off a solo run with a neat finish.

White headed home a curling cross for 4-0 before New Milton pulled a goal back with a long range free kick shortly before half-time.

Olivia Norton capitalised on a poor New Milton back pass to take the league leaders' tally to five nine minutes into the second half, while the visitors replied

with a second consolation goal before Watson hit her team's sixth goal to round off the scoring.

Elsewhere in the division, Alexis Bussell hit a hat-trick for Winchester Flyers to help them draw 4-4 at Mudeford after trailing 3-1 at half-time.

AFC Boscombe remain in second place after holding on to a 2-0 half-time lead at home against Romsey, while Alderbury claimed the points and bragging rights by beating Stoneham Lane based BTC.

● SAINTS' Under-12s drew 5-5 with their Worthies counterparts in a thrilling contest.

Saints had the better of the early play but on the break Worthies took the lead with a breakaway goal on five minutes. Sydney Whymark latched on to a clever through ball from Katie

Pakes to level the scores before going ahead when Issy Baskett netted from Larnie Bisson's excellent cross.

Worthies hit back to level at 2-2 but Saints had the final say of the half, Bisson capitalising on a poor clearance to make the score 3-2.

Worthies again hit back to level, at 3-3, early in the second half but Whymark was on target again to restore Saints lead.

Saints then conceded two quick goals to trail 5-4 but hit back to share the spoils when Bisson netted to cap an excellent individual performance.

On number of goalscoring chances and ball possession Saints could have won this game, but their shooting was often weak or inaccurate, whilst at the other end Saints rarely got to grips with Worthies' pace and strength.



Amy Watson on the ball for Saints under-13s. Photograph: James Lockett

Stoneham boss thanks Hill

ADAM Pullinger sent former Eastleigh boss Richard Hill a 'thank you' text after terminating Wednesday's 3-0 Hampshire FA Senior Cup slaying of Southern League outfit AFC Totton.

While goals by Dave Reading (2) and Tom King carried Pullinger's AFC Stoneham to arguably their biggest ever victory, he felt he owed Vanarama National League neighbours a debt of gratitude for teaching them how to cope with higher league opposition, *writes Wendy Gee.*

"The biggest help in winning was playing Eastleigh in a behind closed doors friendly a week before the season started," Pullinger revealed.

"The work we did then really came through against Totton, just knowing how to play against higher league opposition, the shape you have to have and being a bit more intelligent about how you play, not giving away cheap possession, free kicks etc.

"I texted Richard Hill after the game to thank him for that opportunity in the summer."

While the Sydenhams Division One new boys have enjoyed grander occasions under Pullinger's charge – notably their Southampton Senior Cup win over Brokenhurst at St Mary's in 2013 – this was their biggest scalp to date.

"It's probably the highest opposition we've played and not only did we beat them, we beat them 3-0!" smiled Pullinger.

"If you were there as a spectator I don't think you'd have known who the Southern League team were.

"It summed up what we've worked for for five years at this club.

"We scored from a [Dave Reading] penalty given for handball on the line and then Tom King has finished off a training ground move, which is always pleasing to see.

"Deadly Dave Reading then got another one.



Former Eastleigh boss Richard Hill received a 'thank you' text from AFC Stoneham manager Adam Pullinger.

"Dave's been with the club on and off for ten years but he's got a lot of other commitments on Saturdays, so this was his first game for us this season.

"Our main striker Dave Philpott is out with a pulled hamstring."

Mixed in with Pullinger's feelings of euphoria was a certain sympathy for Totton.

"I felt for them," he said. "There was a spell in the game when they were miles ahead of us but they just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net.

"They hit the bar, but then so did we.

"Steve Hollick, the Totton manager, used to play for this club years ago

and I know Burchy [Lee Burch, Stags' head coach] well too.

"It was a nice atmosphere on Wednesday and a good crowd.

"It's a real statement of what we've achieved and now we've set the bar so high we need to go on hitting those standards."

Stoneham have made a steady enough start to life in Sydenhams One following promotion from the

Hampshire Premier League, but Pullinger thinks there is more to come.

"We've had a few good results, but we've been a bit unlucky with player availability.

"Hopefully now the holiday season is over we can go on a settled run."



Adam Pullinger.

City steal it late on

SOUTHAMPTON Saints were beaten 3-2 by Exeter City at Sholing.

The home support sniffed a chance with such a small visiting squad made the 230 mile round trip along the coast with only eleven players.

Saints were on top for much of the first half, but poor finishing let them down before striker Midge Browning fired the hosts ahead.

Exeter levelled when Vic Barter converted a penalty past Hannah Haughton.

Krystal Whyte quickly restored Saints' lead, but City equalised again before half-time through Corinne Potts.

Deep into second half injury-time, Kukor grabbed Exeter's winner.

The result saw City leapfrog their hosts and push Southampton down to a disappointing eighth place in the FA Womens Premier SW division.

The Hampshire women's Cup dominated last week.

The shock result saw Alton United win at Division 1 leaders Warrash Wasps 4-1 with Swann and Woodhatch both scoring twice.

There were home wins for Hornhean and Widbrooks first Team against AFC Stoneham and BTC Ladies respectively.

Bursledon Ladies beat Basingstoke Reserves 4-0 with goals from Florence Stevens (2), Rachel Heda and Nicola Beeton.

There was also good away wins for Winchester Reserves and AFC Bournemouth.

Flyers 'A' drew 1-1 with Winchester City Women in the third division derby. AFC Portchester are five points clear at the top of this division.

It's all to play for after last two unbeaten teams lose

THE two last unbeaten teams in the Hampshire Sixth Form College's A Division have ended.

Early pacesetters Peter Symonds surrendered their three-match unblemished start to Barton Peveril and Sparsholt crashed 4-0 at title holders Itchen, *writes Mike Vimpany.*

PSC took a first half lead through an Euan Mathias header from a far post corner, but BP might have been level at the break but for Ben Burton having an effort cleared off the line and Sam Morris shooting wide.

But Barton Peveril, anxious to end their disappointing start to the campaign, gradually gained the upper hand, with Lewis Wild equalising with a well directed header and Morris scoring from the penalty spot when his goal-scoring team-mate had been fouled.

It got visibly harder for PSC when Ray Richardson was sent off for a second bookable offence, but BP were unable to make their numerical strength count in terms of adding to their 2-1 lead.

Beaten 3-2 by Peter Symonds three weeks ago, Itchen have now got the better of both Brockenhurst and Sparsholt in the past fortnight.

Itchen controlled the first half against Sparsholt, but spurned many good chances and had only Jake Hoole's goal to show for their efforts.

Having been fouled in the area, Jack Burrows stepped up to make it 2-0 from the penalty spot.

Hoole added an excellent third, while Harry Harris rounded off the scoring after a fine passing move.

To compound Sparsholt's misery, Farnborough beat their first team 4-3 after extra-time in the ESFA Under-18 Colleges Trophy, a cup the Winchester side won two seasons ago.

Sam Pedersen (2), Louie Paget, and Ryan McCartney were on target for Boro'.

South Downs beat Queen Mary's 1-0 with a goal from Simon Ashing, but also missed a penalty.

In the Second XI Competition, Peter Symonds blasted Barton Peveril 7-0 through Jay Bugg (2), Max Kirwan (2), Adam Price, Connal Bark, and Nigel Musiza.

Wednesday's fixtures:

A Division: Andover v Itchen, Brockenhurst v Peter Symonds, Farnborough v South Downs, Queen Mary's v Barton Peveril

B Division: Andover v Poole Grammar, Bay House v Brockenhurst, Farnborough v South Downs, Peter Symonds v St Vincent, Richard Tauton v Portsmouth, QMS v Barton Peveril.

● Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges face their Hertfordshire counterparts in the opening ESFA Under-18 County Trophy Regional League match at Letchworth Town on Monday evening (7.30pm).

Hampshire, who are managed by Barton Peveril's Luke Hampton, will play seven matches in the south-east group against Essex, Herts, Kent, London, Surrey and Sussex.

Hampshire squad: Dan Sayers (Sparsholt), Dan Mukerjee (PSC), Jamie Clark (BP), Zac Sharp (Portsmouth), Liam and Jack Atrill (Itchen), Harvey Slade (Brockenhurst), Miles Everett (Portsmouth), Jack Wilson (Itchen), Matt Bainbridge (BP), Joel Drew (PSC), Jake Willis-Dellimore (Itchen), Pat Suraci (Portsmouth), Brandon Randall (Brockenhurst), Lindan Miller (Sparsholt), Sam Pederson (Farnborough), Sam Woodward (Itchen).



Action from Richard Tauntons (red) v Bournemouth in the Hampshire Colleges League



Luke Berg, right, celebrates his goal for Richard Tauntons.



Action from Richard Tauntons (red) v Bournemouth in the Hampshire Colleges League

Today's football results

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Bath City 1 Sulton Utd 3
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Eastbourne Borough 0 Bishops Cleeve 1
Gosport Borough 1 Ebbsfleet 2
Havant & Waterlooville 1
Wealdstone 2
Maidenhead 2 Weston-super-Mare 0

Maidstone 1 St Albans 0
Oxford City 1 Margate 1
Whitehawk 0 Truro 0

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division:

Cambridge City 3 Hungerford 1
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Hitchin 1 Redditch 2
Kettering 5 Histon 4

Kings Lynn 0 Leamington 1
Merthyr Town 1 Dunstable 3
Poole Town 3 Cirencester 0
Slough 2 Paulton Rovers 1

St Neots 1 Dorchester 0
Stratford 0 Chippenham 1
Weymouth 0 Biggleswade 1

Division One South & West:
Bashley 0 Shortwood 1,
Burnham 0 Tiverton 0, Cinderford 1

Didcot 1, Evesham 0 Taunton 3, Mangotsfield 1 Wantage 1,
Marlow 2 Yate 0, North Leigh 3

Larkhall 0, Slimbridge 3 AFC Totton 0, Winchester City 4

Banbury 0

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Bemerton HH

1 Cowes Sports 5, Horndean 4 Andover Town 1, Lymington Town 1

Verwood 1, Newport IOW 2 Fawley AFC 1, Whitchurch 0 Salisbury 4

SWL Cup, first round: AFC Portchester 2 Fareham Town 3, Alresford Town 8 East Cowes Vics 1, Blackfield & Langley 0

Team Solent 1, Bournemouth Poppies 1 Moneyfields 1 (aet), Hamworthy Utd 0 US Portsmouth 2

Pewsey Vale 2 Brockenhurst 2 (pens 3-5), Sholing 2 Folland Sports 0

Division One:

Alton 2 Downton 2, Amesbury 3 Hythe & Dibden 1, Christchurch 4

AFC Stoneham 1, Laverstock & Ford 4 Ringwood 1, New Milton 1

Andover NS 1, Romsey 1 Fleet Spurs 1, Totton & Eling 0 Tadley Calvea 3

HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP First round: AFC Petersfield Res 1 Cadnam Utd 2

Second round: Hamble Club Res 6 Liphook Utd Res 1

PUMA ENGINEERING HANTS PREMIER LEAGUE

PEHPL Cup, second round: Baffins Milton Rovers 2 Clansfield 1

Premier Division: Headley Utd 0 Otterbourne 3, Liphook 1 Fleetlands 3, Locks Heath 2 Stockbridge 2, Overton 1

Bush Hill 4, Paulsgrove 3 Colden Common 0, Winchester Castle 1 Liss Athletic 2

Division One: Andover Lions 7 Broughton 0, Burridge AFC 0 Hayling Utd 1

Michelmersham & Timsbury 1 AFC Petersfield 3, Sway 2 Four Marks 1

Combination East: Fleetlands 8 Baffins Milton Rovers 0, Hayling Utd 1

Headley Utd 2 Combination West: Bush Hill 4 QK Southampton 1, Hedge End 2

Overton Utd 2, Otterbourne 1 Winchester Castle 0

DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE

Senior League Cup, second round: AFC Gulf Western 4 Cutbush 3, AFC Totton Res 0

Hedge End Town 1, Bishops Waltham Dyn 0 Soton University 2

Comrades 2 Durlay 0, Infinity 0 Hamble Club 2, Lyndhurst 3

Chamberlayne Ath 4, Netley Central 2 Hedge End Rangers 1, Upham 2 QK Southampton 5

Senior 1: AFC Botley 3 Warsash Wasps 2, Park Sports 6 BTC Soton Res 0, Montefiore Halls 2

Comrades Res 1

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The start of the girls' race. Daily Echo pictures by Chris Moorhouse order no: 35255743



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MEN'S RACE (SENIOR, VETS, U20)												
				38 S Reid	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	36:32:00	77 Neil Martin M40	Overton Harriers	38:53:00	116 C Setters	Winchester & District	41:23:00
				39 D Rich	Winchester & District	36:43:00	78 Ed Stockdale	Reading AC	39:06:00	117 Darren Atkins M40	Camberley & District	41:24:00
1 Mahamed Mahamed U20	Southampton	32:00:00		40 Sean Holmes M40	Overton Harriers	36:48:00	79 Alex Hurrell	University of Portsmouth	39:08:00	118 N Rogerson M40	Poole AC	41:25:00
2 Alexander Teuten	City of Portsmouth	32:03:00		41 Andy Simpson M40	Stubbington Green Runners	36:57:00	80 M Smith M40	Poole AC	39:09:00	119 Ed Gurney M40	Winchester & District	41:26:00
3 Jack Rowe U20	AFD	32:17:00		42 Martin Mannion M50	Winchester & District	37:00:00	81 Chris Dewey M40	Andover	39:11:00	120 James Ratcliffe M40	AFD	41:28:00
4 A Milne	Southampton	33:07:00		43 Robert Wakefield	AFD	37:01:00	82 G Bungay M50	Winchester & District	39:15:00	121 Rithy Hy	City of Salisbury	41:32:00
5 Matthew Arnold U20	AFD	33:11:00		44 Luc Jolly	Reading AC	37:02:00	83 D Eckersley	Isle of Wight	39:20:00	122 Nialls Davies M40	City of Portsmouth	41:34:00
6 Jamie Knapp	Southampton	33:16:00		45 Matthew Smith U20	City of Portsmouth	37:02:00	84 Tom East U20	Poole Runners	39:21:00	123 Nigel Duke M40	Fleet & Crookham	41:40:00
7 Rowan Preece	AFD	33:20:00		46 C Upton U20	Winchester & District	37:09:00	85 A Lewis	Eastleigh RC	39:23:00	124 Steve Brett M40	Andover	41:42:00
8 Jamie Ashton	AFD	33:24:00		47 Tom Cully U20	Southampton	37:15:00	86 D Short	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	39:24:00	125 Steve Wyatt M40	Wimborne	41:46:00
9 J Mays	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	33:26:00		48 Patrick Haynes	University of Portsmouth	37:20:00	87 Rob Bentley M50	Wessex Road Runners	39:28:00	126 Math Dewey	Andover	41:51:00
10 Dan Thorne	Reading AC	33:29:00		49 M Gregory	Stubbington Green Runners	37:22:00	88 Jim Bennett M40	Southampton	39:34:00	127 R Baxter	University of Portsmouth	41:53:00
11 Matthew Bennett	Southampton	33:34:00		50 D Rickards U20	AFD	37:29:00	89 S Lovelock	Overton Harriers	39:37:00	128 R Greenwood	Stubbington Green Runners	41:59:00
12 Alex Wall-Clarke	Southampton	33:40:00		51 Ian Debnam	Winchester & District	37:30:00	90 Archie McKellar U20	Andover	39:59:00	129 Dan Black	AFD	41:00:00
13 Ben Brewster	Southampton	34:03:00		52 M Gordon	Havant	37:31:00	91 I Giggs	Reading Roadrunners	40:01:00	130 M East M40	Poole Runners	41:06:00
14 David Long	Bournemouth	34:11:00		53 Rob Tan	Reading AC	37:33:00	92 A Cox	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	40:05:00	131 W Watson	City of Salisbury	41:09:00
15 Matthew Revier	Southampton	34:25:00		54 B Underwood	Poole AC	37:38:00	93 Ben Andrew	Hardley Runners	40:09:00	132 David Lewin	Reading AC	41:11:00
16 Luke Conway	Reading AC	34:26:00		55 D Dickie M40	Poole AC	37:39:00	94 M CampionM40	City of Portsmouth	40:11:00	133 Barry Trowbridge	Poole Runners	41:11:00
17 D Ragan	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	34:34:00		56 Michael Gates	Poole AC	37:43:00	95 Emyr MorganM40	Southampton	40:13:00	134 A Bigg U20	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	41:13:00
18 G King	Winchester & District	34:41:00		57 Jacob Flannigan U20	Reading AC	37:46:00	96 Michael TannerM40	Southampton	40:14:00	135 F Dobinson	Reading AC	41:15:00
19 A Hamilton M40	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	34:52:00		58 Lee Tolhurst M40	Overton Harriers	37:48:00	97 Austin SoaneM60	AFD	40:17:00	136 Ollie Jones	University of Portsmouth	41:15:00
20 A Pantan	AFD	35:14:00		59 K Russell	Reading Roadrunners	37:55:00	98A Holme	City of Salisbury	40:19:00	137 A Stockwell M40	Stubbington Green Runners	41:16:00
21 T Sycklemore	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	35:16:00		60 D Coake	Eastleigh RC	37:56:00	99Dougie BriscoM60	Andover	40:21:00	138 D Quinlan	AFD	41:17:00
22 B Smith U20	AFD	35:20:00		61 D Trickett U20	Poole AC	37:57:00	100Ryan Higgs U20	University of Portsmouth	40:23:00	139 Darren Stevens	Reading AC	41:20:00
23 Richard Waldron	Southampton	35:21:00		62 J Sawyer	Stubbington Green Runners	38:02:00	101 M Kwint M50	Winchester & District	40:26:00	140 J Kinahan	University of Portsmouth	41:23:00
24 Abdi Mahamed U20	Southampton	35:25:00		63 B Whalley M40	Reading Roadrunners	38:06:00	102 Ryan Whattling	University of Portsmouth	40:36:00	141 Robin Oakley	Winchester & District	41:25:00
25 J Grose	Poole AC	35:27:00		64 Paul Mitchinson	Victory	38:13:00	103 Mike White M50	Stubbington Green Runners	40:40:00	142 Andrew Frayling M40	Victory	41:26:00
26 Matthew Marshall U20	Southampton	35:31:00		65 Sean Williams M40	Wight Tri	38:16:00	104 David Howard M40	Victory	40:43:00	143 Nick Huskinson M40	Reading AC	41:27:00
27 Max Costley U20	Southampton	35:33:00		66 D Jones M40	Poole AC	38:18:00	105 David Vossler M50	Winchester & District	40:44:00	144 K Barlow M40	Poole AC	41:31:00
28 Gareth Klepacz	Southampton	35:35:00		67 J Osman M50	Eastleigh RC	38:19:00	106 J Speirs M40	Poole AC	40:45:00	145 D Sullivan M50	Eastleigh RC	41:33:00
29 Toby Brimecome	City of Portsmouth	35:51:00		68 L Banner	Stubbington Green Runners	38:25:00	107 L Chiossone U20	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	40:48:00	146 Callum Sheffer U20	University of Southampton	41:35:00
30 L NorcliffM40	Reading Roadrunners	35:57:00		69 Richard Mayo	Lymington Athletics	38:30:00	108 John Brimecome M40	City of Portsmouth	40:54:00	147 A O'Hara	City of Portsmouth	41:38:00
31B Sullivan U20	Winchester & District	36:03:00		70 Jez Bragg	Bournemouth	38:33:00	109 Chris Try M50	AFD	40:55:00	148 M Slaney M50	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	41:39:00
32 Scott Smith BannisterM50	AFD	36:07:00		71 Ed Dodd	University of Portsmouth	38:34:00	110 C Berryman	Havant	41:01:00	149 N O'Dowd M50	Eastleigh RC	41:39:00
33 T Stevens	Eastleigh RC	36:13:00		72 J Quinlan	AFD	38:36:00	111 J Gavin	Winchester & District	41:07:00	150 Franklyn Young M50	Winchester & District	41:41:00
34 J Wilkinson	AFD	36:16:00		73 Robin Houghton M40	Winchester & District	38:38:00	112 J Brougham	Ryde Harriers	41:09:00	151 D Cunningham	Winchester & District	41:48:00
35 H Carter	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	36:17:00		74 A White	Eastleigh RC	38:40:00	113Darren Bradley M40	Camberley & District	41:11:00	152 Alex Garbas	University of Portsmouth	41:52:00
36 M Worringham	Reading Roadrunners	36:20:00		75 Mark Causebrook	Hardley Runners	38:45:00	114M Hayter	Eastleigh RC	41:14:00	153 Arturo Martinez	Reading AC	41:52:00
37 Matt Hibberd	Southampton	36:30:00		76 Ryan Walbridge U20	Wimborne	38:48:00	115 Steven Underwood	Southampton	41:15:00	154 Paul Johnson M50	Southampton	41:54:00

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155 Peter Kingswell-Farr M50	Wimborne	41:57:00	195 C Farrell U20	Fleet & Crookham	45:55:00	235 Gerry O'Driscoll M50	Reading AC	50:39:00	20 Rebecca Knapton	Winchester & District	26:04:00
156 Peat Allan M40	Winchester & District	41:58:00	196 T Wegg M40	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	45:56:00	236 P Carter M50	Hardley Runners	50:46:00	21 Hannah Knapton U20	Winchester & District	26:04:00
157 Dominic Lobo M40	Fleet & Crookham	43:01:00	197 Jonathan Tilt M50	Southampton	45:58:00	237 Mike Farrell M50	Bournemouth	50:52:00	22 Naomi Mitchell	Reading AC	26:10:00
158 A Quinlan	AFD	43:03:00	198 Eli Dawson	Winchester & District	46:04:00	238 P Fleming U20	Fleet & Crookham	51:48:00	23 Nikki Sandell V35	Bournemouth	26:11:00
159 J Bigg M50	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	43:04:00	199 Alan Lewis M60	Poole Runners	46:08:00	239 Martin Phillips M50	City of Salisbury	51:51:00	24 Hayleigh Wood	Reading AC	26:12:00
160 Simon Hearn M40	Bournemouth	43:06:00	200 Ray Gascoyne M40	Aldershot, Farnham & District	46:11:00	240 K Ghahall M60	Poole Runners	51:54:00	25 Sarah Kingston	Southampton	26:14:00
161 Richard Clifford M40	Overton Harriers	43:08:00	201 Simon Hunt M60	Bournemouth	46:13:00	241 A Sutton M40	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	51:59:00	26 Nicci Blandford V35	Southampton	26:17:00
162 Tom Blackwell	Ryde Harriers	43:18:00	202 Richard Jackson M40	Fleet & Crookham	46:17:00	242 J Apsey U20	Fleet & Crookham	52:00:00	27 Sarah Urwin-Mann V35	Reading Roadrunners	26:19:00
163 Ian Race M50	Stubbington Green Runners	43:23:00	203 Graham Jones M50	Stubbington Green Runners	46:23:00	243 Riaan Ferreira	Aldershot, Farnham & District	52:31:00	28 Rebecca Sleep	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	26:22:00
164 T Hewitt M40	City of Portsmouth	43:35:00	204 Keith Vallis M40	Overton Harriers	46:27:00	244 Paul Hine M50	Wimborne	52:55:00	29 Rebekah Pantony U20	Aldershot, Farnham & District	26:28:00
165 Howard Long M50	Southampton	43:39:00	205 Mark Hargreaves M50	City of Portsmouth	46:38:00	245 Adrian Mudle M50	Hardley Runners	53:02:00	30 Abbie Hine U20	Wimborne	26:31:00
166 Marc Lyne M40	Winchester & District	43:39:00	206 D Crone	Overton Harriers	46:43:00	246 Neil McCann M40	Overton Harriers	53:38:00	31 Anna Sharp U20	Southampton	26:35:00
167 D Elenis M40	New Forest Runners	43:41:00	207 Piers Puntan M40	Overton Harriers	46:45:00	247 J Hall M50	Wimborne	53:39:00	32 Alex Mundell	City of Salisbury	26:41:00
168 A Bradburn U20	City of Salisbury	43:45:00	208 H Szwintio M50	New Forest Runners	46:55:00	248 Richard Francis M50	Overton Harriers	55:05:00	33 Sarah Holmes	Reading AC	26:50:00
169 Andy McDonald M40	Reading AC	43:50:00	209 D Powell M60	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	46:58:00	249 Graham Foden M60	Victory	55:21:00	34 Sarah Heddle U20	Aldershot, Farnham & District	26:53:00
170 Matt Norman M40	AFD	43:51:00	210 T Galloway	Stubbington Green Runners	47:05:00	250 Alex Bangert M40	Victory	57:47:00	35 Cath Wheeler V55	Overton Harriers	27:12:00
171 J Sparks M40	Eastleigh RC	43:54:00	211 Toren Grainger M40	Camberley & District	47:22:00	251 R Reynolds M40	Eastleigh RC	59:13:00	36 Anna Godfrey	Reading AC	27:12:00
172 Peter Young M60	Ryde Harriers	44:06:00	212 N Hazzard	City of Salisbury	47:32:00				37 Louise Vere	Winchester & District	27:21:00
173 John Withey M50	Southampton	44:06:00	213 Andrew Keehn	Ryde Harriers	47:36:00				38 Elisabeth Hood U20	Poole AC	27:26:00
174 O Thomas U20	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	44:19:00	214 P Coy M40	Winchester & District	47:40:00				39 Lauren Church U20	Reading AC	27:27:00
175 Christopher Toilet	City of Portsmouth	44:22:00	215 M Caffery	New Forest Runners	47:48:00				40 Sarah Kavanagh	Ryde Harriers	27:28:00
176 M Keogh	University of Portsmouth	44:36:00	216 Dave Titcomb M50	Overton Harriers	47:59:00				41 Nikki Roebuck V35	Stubbington Green Runners	27:30:00
177 H HoodM40	Poole AC	44:36:00	217 Jim Clow M60	Victory	48:09:00				42 Hannah Coombs	Southampton	27:35:00
178 A Tarbet- M40	Camberley & District	44:38:00	218 G Westley M40	Stubbington Green Runners	48:18:00				43 Annabell Matthews-Smith U20	University of Port	27:36:00
179 Steve Dunford M60	Wessex Road Runners	44:50:00	219 Andrew Wright M50	Victory	48:18:00				44 Joanne Gready	City of Salisbury	27:37:00
180 William Feline	Stubbington Green Runners	44:51:00	220 Keith Clark M40	Overton Harriers	48:23:00				45 Rachel Phillips	Reading AC	27:44:00
181 R Nelson M40	Bournemouth	44:56:00	221 S Mayer M40	Eastleigh RC	48:26:00				46 Patricia De Rosnay V45	Reading AC	27:49:00
182 M Hickley M50	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	44:57:00	222 Rowland Sillis M40	Ryde Harriers	48:28:00				47 Charlotte Earl	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	27:54:00
183 W Watford Jekis	Poole AC	44:58:00	223 Ian Banks M50	Hardley Runners	48:37:00				48 Lydia Blythe U20	Reading AC	27:57:00
184 Steve Gratton M50	Wight Tri	44:59:00	224 Simon Harvey M50	Camberley & District	48:42:00				49 Gemma Bragg	Bournemouth	27:59:00
185 Jack Taylor	University of Portsmouth	45:00:00	225 S Harvey M50	Winchester & District	48:44:00				50 Bea Lafreniere V35	Aldershot, Farnham & District	28:00:00
186 Andy Hislop M50	AFD	45:02:00	226 Ian Graham M60	Bournemouth	48:52:00				51 Laura Wainwright V35	Stubbington Green Runners	28:05:00
187 R Rawles M40	Wimborne	45:02:00	227 T McAllister	Ryde Harriers	48:58:00				52 Sam Parkinson V35	Winchester & District	28:09:00
188 Nick Willson	Southampton	45:07:00	228 Mike Smith M60	Hardley Runners	49:02:00				53 Susan Francis V45	Reading AC	28:16:00
189 Keith Hollis M40	Southampton	45:10:00	229 Gary Domoney M40	City of Salisbury	49:36:00				54 Melissa Hutton-Dunton V35	Stubbington Green	28:21:00
190 S Fox M40	Bournemouth	45:16:00	230 M Dillamere U20	University of Portsmouth	49:50:00				55 Claire Dyer V35	Totton RC	28:25:00
191 S Lynch M40	Eastleigh RC	45:34:00	231 Dom Male	University of Portsmouth	50:00:00				56 Alex Eyles V35	Reading Roadrunners	28:31:00
192 Matt Faramus	University of Portsmouth	45:36:00	232 M Lavery M50	Havant	50:08:00				57 Jade Bowling	Winchester & District	28:36:00
193 Andrew Gates M50	Totton RC	45:42:00	233 Steve Bennett M40	Hardley Runners	50:22:00				58 Lauren McCarthy U20	City of Portsmouth	28:40:00
194 Andy Budgell M40	City of Salisbury	45:52:00	234 Mark Smith M50	City of Portsmouth	50:32:00						

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59 Jo Jefferies V35	Winchester & District	28:45:00
60 Jess Gill U20	New Forest Runners	28:46:00
61 Amy James	Poole AC	28:50:00
62 Tracey Dillon V35	Ryde Harriers	28:52:00
63 Katherine West U20	Reading AC	28:54:00
64 Kathryn Simpson U20	Havant	28:55:00
65 Alana Spiers U20	Southampton	29:07:00
66 Caroline Rowley V35	Bournemouth	29:09:00
67 Shirley-Anne Dix	Reading AC	29:23:00
68 Gemma Bigg U20	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	29:32:00
69 Sarah Lawson	Winchester & District	29:34:00
70 Alison Fenwick V45	Winchester & District	29:36:00
71 Georgie Lavery U20	Havant	29:40:00
72 Grace Crumplin	Havant	29:51:00
73 Georgia Walton U20	Reading AC	30:00:00
74 Lucy Mitchell V35	Liss Runners	30:06:00
75 Louise Price V45	Bournemouth	30:09:00
76 Chloe Stewart	University of Portsmouth	30:13:00
77 Lottie Lord	Stubbington Green Runners	30:22:00
78 Kerry Sawyer	Stubbington Green Runners	30:29:00
79 Sarah Swift V35	Poole Runners	30:33:00
80 Harriet Spelman U20	Winchester & District	30:34:00
81 Katie Brothers V35	Overton Harriers	30:37:00
82 Elaine Parry V35	Ryde Harriers	30:39:00
83 Beth Sherrill U20	Havant	30:48:00
84 Frances Lord V55	Stubbington Green Runners	30:51:00
85 Ali Sloane V55	City of Salisbury	30:53:00
86 Lois Meredith U20	Reading AC	30:59:00
87 Samantha Whalley V35	Reading Roadrunners	31:22:00
88 Kirsty Klapacz	City of Portsmouth	31:23:00
89 Lyanna O'Garra U20	University of Portsmouth	31:30:00
90 Catherine Timpson V35	Winchester & District	31:35:00
91 Sarah McCann V35	Overton Harriers	31:36:00
92 Megan Newton U20	Havant	31:37:00
93 Emma Pilbeam V35	Totton RC	31:45:00
94 Karen D'Santos V45	Aldershot, Farnham & District	32:01:00
95 Ella Walsh-Oakes U20	Winchester & District	32:08:00
96 Judith Freeman V45	Aldershot, Farnham & District	32:14:00
97 Sophie Edwardson U20	University of Portsmouth	32:16:00
98 Carrie Power	Andover	32:56:00
99 Amy Humphrey U20	Havant	33:04:00
100 Sian Rollins V45	Reading AC	33:09:00
101 Dawn Haynes-Sewell V35	Stubbington Green	33:20:00
102 Rosie Upton U20	Winchester & District	33:20:00
103 Alice Marshall U20	University of Portsmouth	33:25:00
104 Tracey Duke V35	Fleet & Crookham	33:25:00
105 Madeline Vossler V55	Winchester & District	33:27:00
106 Ella Morgan U20	Winchester & District	33:42:00
107 Hannah Gates	Poole AC	34:06:00
108 Kat Brace	Eastleigh RC	34:25:00
109 Sandra Humphrey V45	Liss Runners	34:36:00
110 Sadie Bedford V35	Stubbington Green Runners	34:48:00
111 Monique Van Nueten V55	Overton Harriers	35:08:00
112 Caroline Bennett V45	Andover	35:09:00
113 Lynn Massey V55	Southampton	35:45:00
114 Vicki Spencer V45	Havant	36:12:00
115 Joanne O'Connor V45	Fleet & Crookham	36:56:00

116 Sue Hazzard V45	City of Salisbury	37:07:00
117 Ann-Marie Vanderplank V35	Totton RC	37:19:00
118 Mary Churcher V55	Eastleigh RC	37:26:00
119 Alison Kaines V45	Totton RC	37:34:00
120 Olivia Cox U20	Havant	37:53:00
121 Rene Pilbeam V55	Totton RC	37:59:00
122 Christine Turner V55	Victory	38:36:00
123 Jacqui Barlow V35	Totton RC	38:38:00
124 Fran Dunford V55	Wessex Road Runners	39:44:00
125 Marilyn Crocker V65	Victory	40:18:00
126 Emma Pike	Liss Runners	41:09:00
127 Cecilia Csemiczky V65	Reading Roadrunners	41:25:00
128 Raman Sangha V55	Victory	44:27:00
129 Ann Roe V45	City of Portsmouth	47:44:00

UNDER-17 BOYS

1 Jake Cvetkovic	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:26
2 P Cook	Reading AC	16:39
3 Jack Boswell	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:42
4 M Rawlings	Reading AC	16:55
5 Robbie Coupland	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:58
6 D Willmore	Poole Runners	17:01
7 James Beeks	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	17:12
8 Sam Costley	Southampton	17:22
9 Toby Roe	City of Portsmouth	17:24
10 Luke Powell	Southampton	17:24
11 J Steveni	Reading AC	17:24
12 Jaymee Domoney	City of Salisbury	17:32
13 S Rodda	Reading AC	17:32
14 Sam Metcalf	Isle of Wight	17:33
15 M Lennon	Reading AC	17:39
16 Piers Copeland	Wimborne	17:48
17 K Sullivan	Winchester & District	17:58
18 I Farworth	Reading AC	18:05
19 A Rodrigues	Aldershot, Farnham & District	18:08
20 S Kanyady	Reading AC	18:13
21 H Rann	Isle of Wight	18:26
22 J Kelliher	Wimborne	18:31
23 Ollie Percival	Aldershot, Farnham & District	18:34
24 Harry Grace	Aldershot, Farnham & District	18:35
25 Brandon Meredith	Bournemouth	18:58
26 J Mitchell	Poole Runners	19:09
27 Jacob Lewis	Isle of Wight	19:12
28 Sam Davies	Wimborne	19:17
29 H Richardson	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	19:24
30 H Blay	Winchester & District	19:26
31 Jonah Lewis	Lymington Athletics	19:30
32 Sebastian Hearn	Bournemouth	19:42
33 Harry Tosen	Winchester & District	20:21
34 James Fleming	Camberley & District	20:24
35 Matt Gerrish	New Forest Junior	20:46
36 M Chiossone	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	21:02
37 O Pope	Havant	25:51:00

UNDER-15 BOYS

1 Zak Mahamed	Southampton	14:07
2 Lachlan Wellington	City of Portsmouth	14:09

3 Jacob O'Hara	City of Portsmouth	15:08
4 Max Heyden	Aldershot, Farnham & District	15:25
5 B Lewis	Poole AC	15:34
6 Luke Van Oudtshoorn	Aldershot, Farnham & District	15:37
7 Marcus Shanry	Aldershot, Farnham & District	15:41
8 Toby Hale	Southampton	15:49
9 Nick Wiltshire	Reading AC	15:51
10 B Pattison	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	15:52
11 C Crook	City of Portsmouth	15:55
12 J Aggerty	Isle of Wight	15:59
13 B Rollings	Reading AC	16:01
14 Joshua Genco-Russo	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:02
15 Jared Rolfe	Andover	16:04
16 Charlie Kershaw	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:04
17 Billy Smith	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:05
18 Thomas Nike	Reading AC	16:07
19 Theo Doran	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:13
20 Michael Johnson	Wimborne	16:25
21 Dan Howells	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:26
22 Luke Mann	Camberley & District	16:26
23 Stephen Jones	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:35
24 Connor Dauven	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:42
25 Tom Mannion	Winchester & District	16:43
26 H McLuckie	Isle of Wight	16:45
27 Jack Mellor	Camberley & District	16:48
28 J Bowerman	Winchester & District	16:49
29 Leon Longhurst	Southampton	16:53
30 Adam Kimber	City of Portsmouth	16:54
31 Seth Furniss	Southampton	16:56
32 J Porter	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	16:59
33 Elliott Symes	Wimborne	17:00
34 Joe Hoff	Winchester & District	17:00
35 Ben Williams	Southampton	17:04
36 Joseph Mason	Reading AC	17:13
37 M Thomas	City of Portsmouth	17:15
38 Luke Hillary	Aldershot, Farnham & District	17:31
39 Barney Glacy	Southampton	17:33
40 Ben Holdsworth	Isle of Wight	17:40
41 S Griffin	Winchester & District	17:46
42 N Willmore	Poole Runners	17:49
43 A Wilson	Winchester & District	17:59
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50 O Hawkins	New Forest Junior	18:24
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52 R Lamb	Winchester & District	18:28
53 Guy Tucker	Aldershot, Farnham & District	18:33
54 T Roe	City of Portsmouth	18:34
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56 E Agombar	Winchester & District	18:41
57 J Dunning	Poole Runners	18:41
58 Ben Carl	Fleet & Crookham	18:47
59 Nathan Holmes	Aldershot, Farnham & District	18:54
60 T Timmons	Isle of Wight	18:54
61 Thomas Howell	Fleet & Crookham	18:57

62 Liam Dickinson	Aldershot, Farnham & District	19:04
63 A Osborne	City of Salisbury	20:00
64 F Heathcote-Hobbins	Andover	20:08
65 Matthew Keddie	Fleet & Crookham	20:16
66 H Parkinson	Winchester & District	20:34
67 L Webb	Fleet & Crookham	21:15
68 B Brown	Havant	22:54

UNDER-13 BOYS

1 Ryan Martin	Aldershot, Farnham & District	11:17
2 Ben Brown	Southampton	11:23
3 Ryan Symington	Poole AC	11:28
4 Sean Harnett	New Forest Runners	11:32
5 Ed Henderson	Aldershot, Farnham & District	11:32
6 Max Meadwell	Wimborne	11:36
7 Izac Kent	Isle of Wight	11:39
8 C Covey	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	11:42
9 F Dubery	Isle of Wight	11:49
10 C Davies	Wimborne	11:51
11 R Jones	New Forest Junior	11:53
12 Theo Cheshire	Aldershot, Farnham & District	11:55
13 Ben Martin	Poole AC	11:57
14 C Olden	New Forest Runners	11:59
15 Barney Jackman	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:00
16 B Nealon	New Forest Runners	12:04
17 Elliot Allin	Fleet & Crookham	12:06
18 B Richards	New Forest Runners	12:07
19 J Smith	Poole AC	12:09
20 Liam Stone	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:10
21 Tom Henderson	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:22
22 Taylor Anstie	Andover	12:23
23 T Fuller	Wimborne	12:24
24 Finn Taylor	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:24
25 Ben Timmons	Isle of Wight	12:24
26 W Agombar	Winchester & District	12:25
27 Josh Fawcett	City of Portsmouth	12:30
28 Louis Dodd	Winchester & District	12:32
29 S Hicks	Poole AC	12:35
30 Dylan George	Andover	12:36
31 J Bale	Reading AC	12:40
32 Ren Foley	Winchester & District	12:42
33 Dylan Holdsworth	Isle of Wight	12:43
34 Alex Earle	Winchester & District	12:44
35 Gallum Gregson	Southampton	12:45
36 George Manolis	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:46
37 Tommy Brammer	Southampton	12:48
38 J Jack	Wimborne	12:49
39 Tom Farwell	Bournemouth	12:49
40 O Morgan	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	12:50
41 Thomas Flower	Fleet & Crookham	12:51
42 Finlay Spear	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:52
43 A Leland	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	12:54
44 R Sutton	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	12:56
45 Jack Moss-Willcox	Wimborne	12:57
46 Luca Elliot	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:58
47 Isaac Wong	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:58
48 A McGlennan	Reading AC	12:59

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49 Dale Fleming	Fleet & Crookham	13:06
50 S Roberts	Winchester & District	13:14
51 J Salmon	New Forest Junior	13:15
52 F Clacy	Southampton	13:18
53 A Blackburn	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	13:21
54 Conor Charwood	Bournemouth	13:25
55 Oliver Thatcher	Southampton	13:28
56 J Grice	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	13:29
57 S O'Loughlin	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	13:30
58 A Woo	Winchester & District	13:31
59 M Taylor	Havant	13:32
60 J Lax	Isle of Wight	13:34
61 Patrick Brown	Aldershot, Farnham & District	13:38
62 Dan Cvetkovic	Aldershot, Farnham & District	13:39
63 Oliver Morris	Fleet & Crookham	13:40
64 Ben Riggs	City of Portsmouth	13:48
65 O Rawles	Wimborne	13:58
66 Noah Vaughan	New Forest Junior	13:59
67 J Healey	Wimborne	14:00
68 Thomas Hockley	New Forest Junior	14:01
69 Johnathon O'Conner	Fleet & Crookham	14:03
70 J Mitchinson	Havant	14:08
71 Caleb Neocleous	Fleet & Crookham	14:15
72 E Thorne	New Forest Junior	14:16
73 S Hickley	Winchester & District	14:17
74 C Cumming	Winchester & District	14:18
75 J Penders	New Forest Junior	14:19
76 Louis Knight	City of Portsmouth	14:20
77 B Powell	Southampton	14:26
78 Jack Greatorex	Southampton	14:46
79 J Wiggins	Havant	14:46
80 James Moore	Southampton	14:49
81 R Allen	New Forest Junior	14:54
82 Nathan Travers	Southampton	15:04
83 William Payne	Southampton	15:46
84 J Cornwall	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	15:48
85 Jensen Howard	City of Portsmouth	15:52
86 O Brown	City of Salisbury	16:15
87 J Bennet	New Forest Junior	17:37

UNDER-17 GIRLS

1 Hannah Froud	New Forest Runners	19:22
2 Charlotte Dannatt	Camberley & District	19:52
3 Kirsty Walker	Reading AC	19:57
4 Elizabeth Hedley	City of Portsmouth	19:59
5 Holly Collier	New Forest Runners	20:11
6 Maddie Deadman	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	20:22
7 Lucy Ballam	Wimborne	20:35
8 Emma Martin	Poole AC	20:38
9 Evie Highton	Aldershot, Farnham & District	20:44
10 Elizabeth Rose	City of Portsmouth	20:44
11 Katrina Ashford	Poole Runners	21:06
12 Hannah Willis	Reading AC	21:23
13 Hannah Polden	Southampton	21:42
14 Bobbie Davies	City of Portsmouth	21:58
15 Maddie Williams	Wimborne	21:58
16 Jess Warwick	New Forest Junior	21:59
17 Maya Gill	Southampton	22:15

18 Sammy Bonny	Aldershot, Farnham & District	22:49
19 Eden Crumplin	Isle of Wight	23:06
20 Tula Hart	Aldershot, Farnham & District	23:24
21 Claire Read	Fleet & Crookham	23:25
22 Anna Reavey	Southampton	23:26
23 Maddie Sturgess	Aldershot, Farnham & District	23:46
24 Charlotte O'Connor	Fleet & Crookham	23:51
25 Katie Butler	Winchester & District	24:01
26 Charlotte Hobbs	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	24:03
27 Catherine Gurney	Winchester & District	24:14
28 Louise Cole	New Forest Junior	24:19
29 Louise Ridgley	New Forest Junior	24:34
30 Grace Bedford	Reading AC	24:48
31 Lauren Bradford	City of Portsmouth	25:07
32 Alana Rayfield	Reading AC	25:26
33 Darcy Smith	Reading AC	26:23
34 Hannah Ingram	New Forest Junior	26:40
35 Kate McKim	Reading AC	27:06

UNDER-15 GIRLS

1 Josie Czura	City of Portsmouth	15:49
2 Grace Copeland	Wimborne	17:08
3 Madeleine Johnson	Dorchester	17:27
4 Isabel Richardson	Southampton	17:27
5 Poppy Clements	Winchester & District	17:35
6 Niamh Reid-Smith	Aldershot, Farnham & District	17:41
7 Rebecca Bullock	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	17:43
8 Nancie Bowley	Reading AC	17:44
9 Emily Coulson	Winchester & District	17:50
10 Abi White	Aldershot, Farnham & District	17:51
11 Anya Pigden	City of Portsmouth	17:51
12 Rebecca Poole	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	17:56
13 Hannah Slater	Wimborne	17:57
14 Ellie Farrow	Havant	17:59
15 Holly Powell	Southampton	18:00
16 Charlotte Holden	Camberley & District	18:02
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18 Hermione Walker	Reading AC	18:09
19 Eleanor Purdue	City of Portsmouth	18:14
20 Sophie Dove	Camberley & District	18:24
21 Sandra Stapienou	Camberley & District	18:27
22 Zoe Thorne	Aldershot, Farnham & District	18:28
23 Bo Sansom	City of Portsmouth	18:33
24 Natasha Miles	Winchester & District	18:38
25 Sarah Brett	Andover	18:41
26 Phoebe Moriarty-Palios	Southampton	18:42
27 Martha Pawson	New Forest Junior	18:43
28 Louise Webb	City of Salisbury	18:43
29 Bethanie Kingswell-Farr	Wimborne	18:46
30 Annika Loh	Havant	18:46
31 Mia Billins	City of Portsmouth	18:51
32 Lita Short	Poole Runners	18:55
33 Grace Reavey	Southampton	19:09
34 Tallulah Jeffes	Winchester & District	19:13
35 Emily Cornwall	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	19:15
36 Aimee Raynor	Southampton	19:15

37 Katie Rhodda	Reading AC	19:16
38 Mai Brown	Reading AC	19:18
39 Katie Simister	City of Portsmouth	19:20
40 Elsie Lewis	Isle of Wight	19:33
41 Katie Lewis	Winchester & District	19:34
42 Kathryn Beckett	Camberley & District	19:36
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45 Hannah Reed	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	19:57
46 Maddie Turner	Winchester & District	20:02
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48 Katherine Jackson-Challen	Aldershot, Farnham & District	20:03
49 Maddie Wilton	City of Portsmouth	20:16
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56 Latisha Convery	Fleet & Crookham	20:47
57 Jess Bigg	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	20:55
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59 Isabelle Kingswell-Farr	Wimborne	20:57
60 Amber Hoadley	Reading AC	20:59
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64 Caitriona Farrell	Fleet & Crookham	21:20
65 Bryony Henshall	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	21:23
66 Gabrielle Spelman	Winchester & District	21:32
67 Tash Mundell	City of Salisbury	21:37
68 Maisie Hoskins	City of Portsmouth	21:38
69 Amber Harvey	Andover	21:55
70 Jasmine Stokes	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	22:05
71 Ruby Neville	Winchester & District	22:17
72 Sadie Charles	Reading AC	22:21
73 Hannah Newton	City of Portsmouth	22:38
74 Sarah Drew	City of Portsmouth	22:44
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76 Kate Taylor	Havant	24:39

UNDER-13 GIRLS

1 Saffron Moore	City of Portsmouth	12:15
2 Amy Dove	Camberley & District	12:17
3 Charlie Parsons	Aldershot, Farnham & District	12:20
4 Heidi Taylor	Poole AC	12:39
5 Abbie Lovering	Wimborne	12:43
6 Elizabeth Adamson	Southampton	12:48
7 Ashia Wilson	Poole AC	12:50
8 Naomi Harris	Reading AC	12:52
9 Georgia Whalley	Reading AC	13:00
10 Demi Marie Goddard	Poole AC	13:02
11 Oonagh O'Driscoll	Reading AC	13:12
12 Renee Whalley	Reading AC	13:12
13 Esmee Harding	Reading AC	13:19
14 Eloise O'Neill	City of Portsmouth	13:20
15 Holly Nixon	Wimborne	13:21

16 Rose Warren	City of Salisbury	13:26
17 Alexandra Palotai-Avella	New Forest Runners	13:29
18 Olivia Reavey	Southampton	13:30
19 Lucy Hempstead	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	13:32
20 Iona Morley	Winchester & District	13:37
21 Maisie Witty	Isle of Wight	13:38
22 Aisling Durne	Winchester & District	13:38
23 Charlotte Borgars	Aldershot, Farnham & District	13:38
24 Madeleine Eldridge	Fleet & Crookham	13:40
25 Isabelle Robinson	Winchester & District	13:40
26 Megan Hulbert	Southampton	13:44
27 Alice Olliff-Lee	City of Salisbury	13:47
28 Emma Boswell	Aldershot, Farnham & District	13:54
29 Natalya Smith	New Forest Junior	13:56
30 Izzy Ruth	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	14:01
31 Emily Squibbs	Aldershot, Farnham & District	14:02
32 Millie Bacon	Isle of Wight	14:07
33 Ella Litjens	Aldershot, Farnham & District	14:20
34 Hannah Woolley	Aldershot, Farnham & District	14:22
35 Freya Sutton	Aldershot, Farnham & District	14:24
36 Ruby Horton	Aldershot, Farnham & District	14:24
37 Tessa Weavers	Reading AC	14:31
38 Kaitlyn Roberts	Southampton	14:32
39 Brooke Turner	Havant	14:36
40 Lucy Robertson	Reading AC	14:48
41 Macy Barrett	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	14:49
42 Phoebe March	City of Portsmouth	14:55
43 Lara Tolsom	Reading AC	14:55
44 Emily Dunkley	Havant	14:56
45 Grace Anstey	Havant	14:57
46 Ella Jeffery	Wimborne	15:00
47 Mabel Lewis	Isle of Wight	15:06
48 Bethan Howard	Fleet & Crookham	15:08
49 Paige Mills	Reading AC	15:13
50 Robyn Scott	Fleet & Crookham	15:16
51 Sienna Blade	Southampton	15:22
52 Charley Caswell	Reading AC	15:23
53 Emma Ferris	New Forest Junior	15:23
54 Emily James	New Forest Junior	15:26
55 Sophie Brame	City of Portsmouth	15:29
56 Danielle Nash-Oliver	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	15:30
57 Bethany Penny	Reading AC	15:30
58 Elisha Farnham	Southampton	15:32
59 Mia Crane	City of Salisbury	15:32
60 Ellenor Besse	City of Salisbury	15:32
61 Emily Weekes	Winchester & District	15:36
62mOlivia Bracey-Davis	Winchester & District	15:38
63 Sophie Torrance	Winchester & District	15:40
64 Abigail Warner	Southampton	15:40
65 Eve Trimm	Southampton	15:41
66 Phoebe Carlisle	City of Portsmouth	15:47
67 Lily Neate	Winchester & District	15:52
68 Anya Sandell	Bournemouth	15:56
69 Kayleigh Harrison	Southampton	16:09
70 Eden Canning	Isle of Wight	16:16
71 Danielle Jackson	Fleet & Crookham	16:33
72 Bryony Mitchinson	Havant	16:59
73 Maria Ratcliffe	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16:59
74 Stephanie Moore	Southampton	17:10

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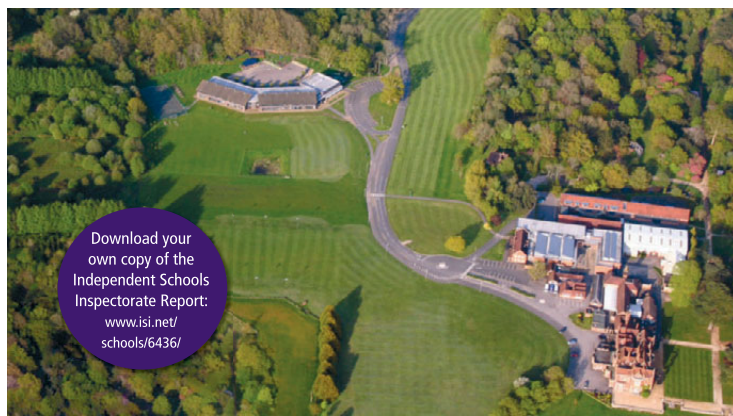
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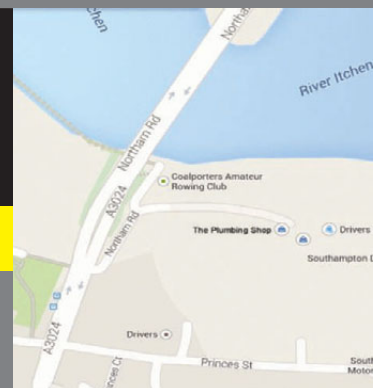
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Ian starts defence in style

DEFENDING champion Ian Field enjoyed a successful start to the defence of his British Cycling National Trophy Cyclo-cross title at Southampton Sports Centre.

The four-time British champion, one of four Hargroves Cycles-Ridley RT riders in the top ten, finished 33 seconds ahead of Graham Briggs (JLT Condor), who was 66 seconds clear of third-placed Jack Clarkson

(Hope Factory).

"It's never easy to win a National Trophy round and it certainly wasn't an easy race," he said. "The first round is always hard to call, you never know how other rider's fitness is or where they are race-wise."

Hannah Payton (Team Kinesis) won the women's race, while Solent Pirates' Helen Pattinson was second in the women's veteran race.

Elite men
1 Ian Field Hargroves Cycles - Ridley RT Elite

2 Graham Briggs JLT Condor Elite
3 Jack Clarkson Team Hope Factory Racing Elite
4 Paul Oldham Hope Factory Racing Elite
5 Lander Lookxx Cycling.be Alpha Motorhomes Under-16 women
1 Hannah Payton Team Kinesis UK
2 Annabel Simpson Hope Factory Racing
3 Adela Carter Hope Factory Racing Junior men
1 Daniel Tulett Specialized Racing
2 Thomas Pidcock Oldfield/Paul Milnes Cycles
3 Ben Turner Paul Milnes Cycles Bradford Olympic Veterans 40-49
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2 Tim Gould www.Zepnat.com
3 Steven Davies Hargroves Cycles - Ridley Veteran women
1 Maddi Smith Bolsover & District CC Under-16 boys
1 Toby Barnes Lichfield City CC Under-16 girls
1 Poppy Wildman Nottingham Clarion CC Under-14 boys
1 Emile Alexander Lichfield City CC Under-14 girls
1 Ava May Oxley-Szilagyi PH-MAS VCUK Women's Cycling Team

Strachan happy to carry on

GORDON Strachan has vowed to "make Scotland proud" after committing to lead the team's mission to the 2018 World Cup.

The former Saints manager has signed a two-year extension with the Scottish FA, with his aim to qualify for the finals in Russia.

The Scots last got through to a major tournament when reaching the 1998 World Cup, and Strachan took time to consider his future after his side finished fourth in their European Championship qualifying group, behind Germany, Poland and the Republic of Ireland.

But the vocal backing of an 11,000-strong travelling support in Scotland's final qualifier, a 6-0 win against Gibraltar, helped persuade Strachan to stay on.

Strachan will now begin work on preparing his squad for a World Cup qualifying group involving England, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania and Malta.

"I want the best for our country and for those players and I believe we can make Scotland proud in the upcoming qualifiers," the 58-year-old said.

"For that reason, I am delighted to have been asked to continue in my role and I look forward to working with my backroom staff and the players to improve on the previous campaign."

Strachan said: "It is an honour and a privilege to manage my country and, in a way, that has made the disappointment of not qualifying for Euro 2016 all the more profound.

"None the less, the reaction from the supporters throughout the campaign, and in particular from those who travelled to Faro in their thousands, is an experience that will live with me for the rest of my life. It was a recognition that the players' efforts had been appreciated."

"That appreciation and goodwill has also been apparent in the messages of support I have received this week, from emails and letters to chats in the street."



Gordon Strachan

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Rochelle Clark, left, who was part of the England team that won the Women's World Cup in 2014, takes questions from the children. Pictures by Rachel Adams



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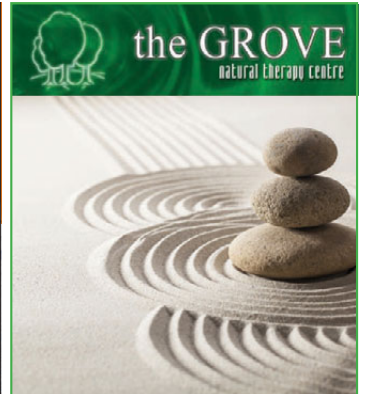
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SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays Premier League

Chelsea	2	A. Villa	0
Costa 34			
Hutton 54 og			
HT 1-0			
Crystal P	1	West Ham	3
Cabaye 25 pen			
HT 1-1			
Everton	0	Man Utd	3
HT 0-2			
Man City	5	CHERRIES	1
Sterling 7,23,45			
Bony 11,89			
HT 4-1			
SAINTS	2	Leicester	2
van Dijk 37			
HT 2-0			
Tottenham Hotspur	0	Liverpool	0
HT 0-0			
Watford	L	Arsenal	L
HT L-L			
W.B.A	1	Sunderland	0
Berahino 54			
HT 0-0			

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	9	4	0	1	17	4	3	0	1	7	8	7	21
Man Utd	9	3	1	0	7	1	3	0	2	8	7	19	
West Ham	9	1	1	2	8	8	4	1	0	12	4	7	
Arsenal	8	2	1	1	5	2	3	0	1	8	5	16	
Leicester	9	2	1	1	10	10	2	3	0	9	7	16	
Crystal P	9	2	0	3	6	7	3	0	1	6	4	13	
Tottenham	9	2	3	0	7	3	1	2	1	4	4	14	
SAINTS	9	2	1	2	10	9	1	3	0	5	3	13	
Everton	9	1	2	2	6	9	2	2	0	6	2	13	
Liverpool	9	2	1	1	5	6	1	3	1	3	4	13	
Chelsea	9	2	1	2	8	7	1	3	1	2	6	10	
W.B.A.	9	1	1	3	5	9	2	1	1	2	2	11	
Swansea	8	2	2	0	6	3	0	2	2	4	7	10	
Watford	8	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	5	6	10	
Norwich	8	1	1	2	6	7	1	2	1	6	7	9	
Stoke	8	1	1	2	4	5	1	2	1	4	5	9	
CHERRIES	9	1	2	1	4	3	1	0	4	7	14	8	
A. Villa	9	0	1	3	2	5	1	0	4	6	10	4	
Sunderland	9	0	2	2	4	7	0	1	4	12	3	3	
Newcastle	8	0	2	2	5	7	0	1	3	1	10	3	

SkyBet Championship

Birmingham	2	Q.P.R.	1
Robinson 24			
Caddis 63 pen			
HT 1-1			
Brentford	2	Rotherham	1
Judge 2,57			
HT 1-0			
Burnley	2	Bolton	0
Gray 56,68			
HT 0-0			
Ipswich	0	Huddersfld	0
HT 0-0			
Leeds Utd	1	Brighton	2
Cooper 22			
HT 1-1			
Middlesbro	0	Fulham	0
HT 0-0			
M K Dons	3	Blackburn	0
Reeves 11 pen,89			
Church 71			
HT 1-0			
Preston	0	Cardiff	0
HT 0-0			
Reading	1	Charlton	0
Blackman 76			
HT 0-0			
Sheff Wed	1	Hull	0
Forster 28			
HT 1-0			

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brighton	11	4	1	0	6	2	2	3	3	0	10	7	25
Reading	11	3	2	1	8	2	3	1	1	9	9	5	21
Middlesbro	11	4	1	1	11	2	2	2	1	6	5	5	21
Birmingham	11	3	1	2	9	8	3	2	0	9	3	3	21
Burnley	11	4	1	1	11	6	2	2	1	5	5	21	
Hull	11	3	2	0	8	3	2	2	2	6	5	5	19
Derby City	10	1	3	1	5	4	3	2	0	7	3	7	17
Cardiff	11	3	1	1	7	4	1	4	1	7	7	7	17
Sheff Wed	11	3	2	1	11	8	2	2	2	5	7	7	16
Ipswich	11	2	3	1	9	7	2	1	2	6	10	16	
Wolves	10	2	2	1	8	5	2	1	2	7	6	6	15
Q.P.R.	11	2	2	1	13	11	2	1	3	6	11	11	15
Fulham	11	2	1	2	8	7	1	3	2	9	9	9	13
Nottm For	11	1	1	3	4	6	2	2	2	5	6	6	12
Blackburn	11	2	2	1	7	3	0	3	3	5	10	11	
M K Dons	11	2	0	4	6	8	1	2	2	6	6	6	11
Huddersfld	11	1	3	1	7	5	1	2	3	3	9	11	
Leeds Utd	11	0	3	3	4	8	2	2	1	6	7	7	11
Brentford	11	2	1	3	8	11	1	1	1	9	11	11	
Charlton	11	2	2	1	8	6	0	2	4	3	9	10	
Bristol C	11	1	2	3	8	11	1	2	2	6	9	9	10
Preston	10	0	4	2	4	6	1	1	1	3	3	7	8
Rotherham	11	1	1	3	5	10	1	1	4	8	11	8	
Bolton	11	1	4	0	5	4	0	1	5	4	14	8	

SkyBet League One

Bury	0	Rochdale	0
HT 0-0			
Coventry	0	Blackpool	0
HT 0-0			
Crewe	0	Gillingham	1
HT 0-0			
Doncaster	0	Bradford	1
HT 0-1			
Fleetwood Town	4	Burton Albion	0
Proctor 42, Grant 58,71			
Hunter 80			
HT 1-0			

Millwall	2	Swindon	0
Gregory 19			
O'Brien 26			
HT 2-0			
Oldham	1	Sheff Utd	1
Philliskirk 10			
HT 1-1			
Port Vale	1	Peterboro	1
Andoh 40			
HT 1-0			
Scunthorpe	2	Shrewsbury	1
Laird 50			
Madden 74 pen			
HT 0-1			
Southend	2	Barnsley	1
Wordsworth 36			
HT 2-1			
Walsall	1	Chesterfld	2
Prosser 43			
HT 2-1			
Wigan	5	Colchester	0
Daniels 5,14			
Power 11			
Grigg 33,87			
HT 4-0			

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gillingham	13	5	1	0	17	5	3	2	2	9	8	27	
Walsall	13	3	2	2	9	6	4	2	0	10	2	25	
Burton Albion	13	4	1	1	7	4	4	0	3	6	9	25	
Bury	13	2	4	1	11	10	4	2	0	12	7	24	
Coventry	12	4	2	0	11	4	3	0	3	9	6	23	
Sheff Utd	13	4	0	2	13	9	2	3	2	9	10	21	
Southend	13	4	0	3	7	7	2	3	1	7	5	21	
Wigan	13	4	0	3	13	3	1	2	3	8	12	20	
Peterboro	13	3	2	2	12	12	3	1	3	12	9	18	
Rochdale	13	4	0	2	12	8	1	3	3	6	8	18	
Port Vale	13	3	3	1	11	8	1	2	3	4	6	17	
Scunthorpe	13	4	1	2	6	3	1	1	4	9	13	17	
Millwall	12	2	0	4	7	12	3	2	1	12	9	17	
Chesterfield	13	1	2	3	10	12	4	0	3	8	8	17	
Bradford	12	1	2	2	5	7	3	2	8	9	16		
Colchester	12	3	3	1	8	6	2	1	4	11	21	16	
Barnsley	12	3	1	2	9	5	1	1	4	7	13	14	
Shrewsbury	13	2	0	4	8	8	2	2	3	8	11	14	
Fleetwood T	13	2	3	2	12	6	1	0	5	6	14	12	
Swindon	13	1	1	4	8	10	2	2	3	9	12	12	
Oldham	13	1	3	3	8	14	0	6	0	7	7	12	
Blackpool	12	2	1	3	5	9	1	2	3	4	8	12	
Doncaster	12	2	4	1	8	6	0	1	4	1	9	11	
Crewe	13	0	2	5	7	14	2	1	3	6	8	9	

SkyBet League Two

AFC Wimbledon	2	Morecambe	5
Barcham 3			
Akinfenwa 49			
HT 1-0			
Barnet	3	York	1
Akinde 59			
Gash 62			
Clarke 90			
HT 0-0			
Cambridge	2	Northmptn	1
Dunk 39			
Corr 50			
HT 1-0			
Carlisle	0	Exeter	0
Gilliead 77			
HT 0-0			
Crawley	2	Luton	0
Murphy 67			
Hart 81			
HT 0-1			
Dagenham	0	Hartlepool	1
HT 0-1			
Leyton O	2	Oxford Utd	2
Simpson 64			
Kashket 90			
HT 0-2			
Mansfield	1	Bristol R	2
Tafazolli 81			
HT 0-1			
Newport County	0	POMPEY	1
HT 0-0			
Notts Cnty	2	Yeovil	0
Aborah 55			
McLeod 61			
HT 0-0			
Plymouth	1	Acc Stanley	0
Red 64			
HT 0-0			
Stevenage	2	Wycombe	1
Joronen 10			
Gnandjuillet 60			
HT 1-0			

HT 0-1		0		POMPEY		Att 4,196	
Newport County						Tubbs 45	
HT 0-1						Att 3,298	
Notts Cnty				Yeovil		0	
Aborah 55						Att 4,036	
McLeod 61						Att 4,036	
HT 0-0						Att 4,036	
Plymouth		1		Acc Stanley		0	
Reid 64						Att 7,865	
HT 0-0						Att 7,865	
Stevenage		2		Wycombe		7	
Joronen 10						Kretzschmar 79	
Grandduillet 60						Att 3,292	
HT 1-0						Att 3,292	

HOME						AWAY							
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		
Plymouth	13	5	1	1	12	6	4	1	1	9	3	29	
POMPEY	13	2	3	1	10	6	5	2	0	11	5	26	
Oxford Utd	13	3	3	0	8	3	3	3	1	11	8	24	
Mansfield	13	2	4	1	11	5	4	0	2	10	6	24	
Leyton O	13	4	2	1	14	6	2	2	2	10	12	22	
Acc Stanley	13	3	2	1	10	8	3	2	2	7	4	22	
Carlisle	13	3	2	2	13	12	3	2	1	10	10	22	
Wycombe	12	3	2	1	2	10	7	3	2	1	7	3	21
Northmptn	13	3	1	2	8	6	3	2	2	11	10	21	
Morecambe	12	2	0	4	11	13	4	2	1	17	12	20	
Bristol R	12	1	0	4	4	6	5	1	1	12	7	19	
Luton	13	2	2	2	7	6	3	1	3	16	12	18	
Exeter	13	2	2	1	11	7	2	1	4	8	13	18	
Cambridge	13	3	1	3	9	11	1	4	1	8	8	17	
Notts Cnty	13	4	1	2	11	8	1	1	4	7	13	17	
Wimbledon	13	3	1	3	10	12	1	3	2	5	7	16	
Hartlepool	13	2	1	3	6	10	3	0	4	7	9	16	
Crawley	13	2	2	3	9	9	2	1	3	9	11	15	
Barnet	13	4	1	2	12	8	0	0	6	5	15	13	
Stevenage	13	3	1	3	8	9	0	3	3	8	13	13	
York	13	1	2	3	8	10	1	3	3	7	10	11	
Yeovil	13	1	2	3	9	12	1	1	5	4	10	9	
Dagenham	13	0	3	4	7	12	1	2	3	7	12	8	
Newport C	13	0	2	5	6	15	1	1	4	1	8	6	